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Bush pulls Sofia envoy

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, (AP): The United States is temporarily recalling its ambassador from Sofia to protest against the Bulgarian government's abuse of ethnic Turks, the State Department announced today.

Spokesman Richard Boucher said that despite private and public US appeals to the Bulgarian government, "the situation has just continued to get worse. The repression continues."

So far, some 310,000 Bulgarian Turks have fled to Turkey. The United States is considering giving the Turkish government refugee aid, Boucher said.

President George Bush has spoken several times to Turkey's leaders about the matter, Boucher said.

"As a result of the continuing abuse of human rights of Bulgaria's ethnic Turkish community... the department is recalling Ambassador Sol Polansky to Washington for consultations," Boucher said.

This is a diplomatic step that we felt was appropriate to take in order to register our concern with the government of Bulgaria," he added.

Polansky has not yet left Sofia and is expected to return there at some point after his talks in Washington, Boucher said.

He said Turkey had tried to make the exodus of the Bulgarian refugees "a more orderly process, and the Bulgarians have so far not taken them up on the offer."

US officials hope Bulgaria will improve its record toward the ethnic Turks minority before the meeting.

Cory masks \$100m loan from Brunei

MANILA, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Brunei has agreed to lend the Philippines \$100 million to help reduce its debt and cope with its balance of payments, but a leading opposition senator accused President Corason Aquino of concealing the deal.

Senators belonging to Aquino's ruling coalition confirmed the loan during a Senate debate today in which they denied opposition charges that Aquino had tried to keep the transaction secret.

Aquino, in a message to the leaders of the two houses of Congress, said the loan was payable in 18 years with seven years grace, bore three per cent interest per annum payable quarterly, and carried a zero interest default rate.

Aquino, whose government is saddled with a \$28 billion foreign debt did not say when the loan was negotiated. He visited Brunei last Aug. 2 to attend coming-of-age rites for the Brunei sultan's eldest son.

The text of the presidential message, dated Aug. 4, was released to reporters for the first time today.

"This highly concessional loan has been made available for broad balance of payments, debt reduction and project purposes, of the Philippine government and is fully united as to procurement from any source in the world," Aquino said.

"The Kingdom of Brunei has requested that this transaction be handled with the utmost discretion which I am requesting from your office."

Rafsanjani wins

NICOSIA, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Iran's Parliament today approved all 22 cabinet ministers chosen by the new President, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani. Tehran Radio reported.

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Bangladeshi girl wins US; visa march to keep Khushi

OLYMPIA, Washington, Aug. 29, (AP): The state of Washington will fight the deportation of a nine-year-old Bangladeshi girl who was molested by the man who brought her to America.

More than 200 people marched to the state Capitol yesterday to express their opposition to deporting the youngster, Khushida Begum, known as Khushi. Afterwards, state officials said they would try to obtain an education visa for the girl, allowing her to stay indefinitely.

The girl was taken by state workers from a foster home last week because it wasn't "culturally relevant."

The girl's foster parents were among the marchers who demanded help for the youngster. The state Child Protective Services said it would review the case and fight deportation. Spokeswoman Irene Hopman said an education visa would be sought from the federal Immigration and Naturalisation Service. She faces deportation when her visa expires Sept. 5.

The girl is one of several members of a Bangladeshi family that Stefan Christopher, 52, brought to this country. A UN consultant, he had married one of the girl's older sisters, separated from her and married another sister, age 12. Over the years he brought family members to work on his farm in this state in the northwestern corner of the country.

Christopher is in jail awaiting sentencing after pleading guilty to taking indecent liberties with the girl and two other children.

Press bus pressed a bit too hard — Kuwaiti journalists among 15 slightly injured in crash

Kuwait, Egypt ink trade, aid accords

Amir opens Islamic centre

CAIRO, Aug. 29, (Agencies): Kuwait and Egypt today signed three agreements following talks between officials of the two countries.

The first agreement facilitated trade exchange and customs regulations between the two countries and was signed by Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jassem Mohammed Al Khorafi and Egyptian Economy Minister Dr Yusri Mustafa.

According to the second agreement, Kuwait would give Egypt a

KD10 million loan to finance an iron and steel project.

The loan agreement, signed by Khorafi for Kuwait and Industry Minister Mohammed Abdul Wahab for Egypt, is repayable over 10 years with a 3.5 per cent interest rate and a four-year grace period.

Kuwait and Egypt today signed another accord on cultural, technical and scientific exchange covering the next three years 1989-91.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Rashed Abdul Aziz Al Rashed signed for Kuwait while Egyptian Cultural Minister Farooq Husni signed for his country.

Following the signing ceremony, the Kuwaiti minister said in a statement that the agreement will enable Kuwait and Egypt to further improve fraternal ties, adding that the latest agreement is the renewal of a previous cultural, technical and scientific accord, concluded between the two sisterly states in 1965.

Fifteen journalists were slightly wounded when their bus overturned in the Suez canal area.

Egypt and Kuwait agreed today that an Arab League committee should resume its efforts to end the carnage in Lebanon.

Egyptian Information Minister Safwat Sharif told reporters President Hosni Mubarak and HH the Amir of Kuwait gave the Lebanese crisis top priority in talks before they visited the Suez Canal town of Ismailia.

"The two leaders agreed to give another chance to the three-country committee in support of its efforts in finding a solution to the Lebanese problem," Sharif said.

He was referring to a committee comprising Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Morocco which said last month it had reached a deadlock in shuttle diplomacy between Beirut, Baghdad and Damascus. Its mandate from an Arab summit in May has three months to run.

Diplomatic sources say the committee sent the UN Security Council's five permanent member states a plan two weeks ago calling for withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon and reforms giving Muslims a bigger say in government.

The Amir arrived yesterday at the start of a three-day visit, his first to Egypt since 1977.

In Ismailia, thousands of Egyptians lined the streets to welcome the Amir who inaugurated a \$30 million Islamic centre built by Kuwaiti donations.

The Amir, along with Mubarak toured the centre.

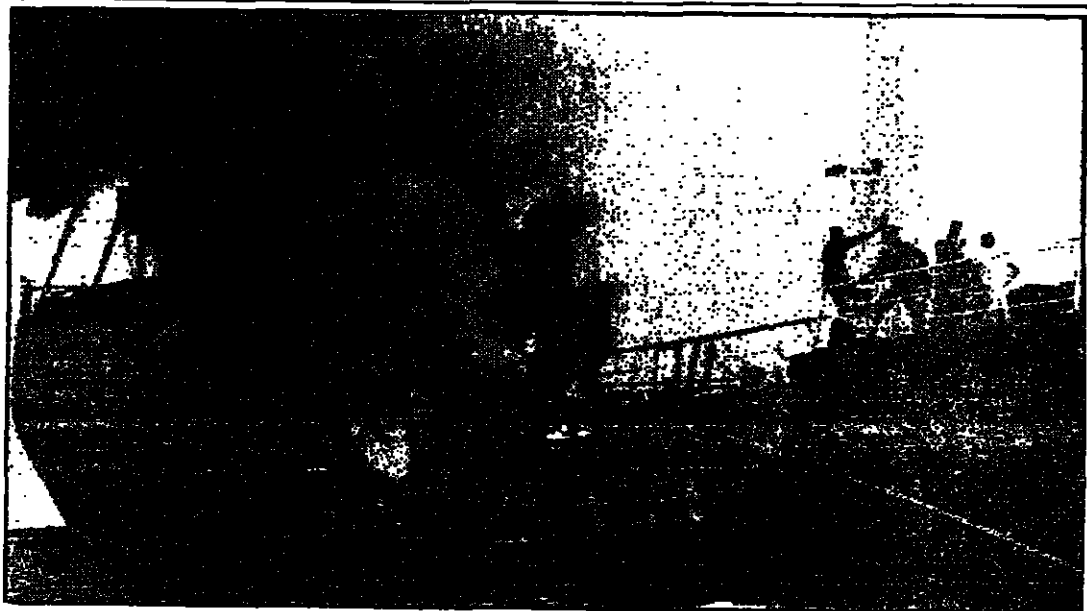
Speaking during the inauguration the President of Kuwait Chamber of Commerce and Industry Abdul Aziz Hamad Al Saqr termed the centre as "a humble gift from the Kuwaiti

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President Mubarak (right) meeting HH the Amir of Kuwait in Cairo.

SYRIAN SHELLS GUT BLOCKADE RUNNER



Smoke billowing from the Sunshield after it was hit by the Syrian shells. (Reuters wirephoto)

Seven burn to death

'Chances for peace good'

BEIRUT, Aug. 29, (Agencies): A Maltese-flag tanker carrying 2.5 million litres (550,000 gallons) of gasoline for Lebanon's beleaguered Christians was set afire by Syrian gunners early today when it tried to run a blockade, police reported.

Seven crewmen, including the Lebanese captain Johannes Garabedian, were killed, police said.

Two Lebanese crewmen were wounded and rescued by Coast Guard vessels. Two others were missing and feared dead.

The seven badly burned bodies were washed ashore on the coastal strip held by the Christians several hours after the tanker, the Sunshield, was hit, police reported.

Only three of the bodies, all Lebanese and including Garabedian, were immediately identifiable. But the dead and missing included four Egyptians and two Ghanaians who

were among the crew.

The attack on the Sunshield triggered a fierce five-hour artillery battle between the Syrian Army and Christian forces led by Gen Michel Aoun.

Police said three people were killed and 16 wounded before the fighting ebbed into sporadic mortar and machine gun exchanges.

Police said three of the wounded were Muslim firemen hit when a Christian 82mm mortar round exploded in the parking lot of a fire brigade station in West Beirut.

The casualties raised the known toll since fighting erupted March 8 to at least 902 killed and 2,268 wounded, including the Sunshield crewmen.

The attack on the tanker coincided with a visit to Beirut by French envoy Francois Scharer for talks with Christian and Muslim leaders on ways to

end the bloodletting.

Scharer, carrying a peace plan for Lebanon, said after meeting Aoun: "The chances for peace are still good."

But he added: "There can be no solution in Lebanon except a political one."

Scharer, who came from Damascus where he met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, later crossed the Green Line dividing Beirut for talks with Aoun's pro-Syrian rival, acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss.

Diplomats in Damascus said France's peace plan stood little chance of winning the crucial backing of Assad, who suspects Paris of sympathising with Aoun.

The French plan calls for a ceasefire, an arms embargo and reform of the Christian-dominated

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Hekmatyar pulls group

PESHAWAR, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The Afghan rebel Party Hezb-i-Islami suspended its participation in the Pakistan-based Afghan rebel government today following reports of clashes with a rival party.

A communique from the group said it would not take part in cabinet meetings of the seven-party rebel interim government until elections were held in Afghanistan.

The party's leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar is the foreign minister in the six-month-old rebel government formed after the Soviet Union completed the withdrawal of more than 100,000 troops from Afghanistan.

A whale of a find off Oman

MUSCAT, Aug. 29, (AP): US marine scientists today reported the netting of a dead baby whale shark that they said was the first baby specimen found in the Indian Ocean.

The baby whale shark, newly dead and measuring 60 centimetres (24 inches) long was caught 10 kilometres (six miles) off Muscat by Fahal Island in the Gulf of Oman.

"This is a very exciting find for fisheries science. Baby whale sharks are very rare," said marine biologist Jonathan Meek.



Still victorious

Palestinian children raise the 'victory' sign as they perch atop the rubble of a Palestinian home demolished by the Israeli Army, in the West Bank. (Reuters wirephoto)



'Run for your life'

Firefighters scramble down a hillside away from blazing trees as forest fires, stirred up by high winds, raged through a large area near Aix-en-Provence in the south of France. (Reuters wirephoto)

Forest fires kill 11

OLBIA, Sardinia, Aug. 29. (Reuters) Fires raging through forest and scrubland on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia have killed at least 11 people, officials said today.

Police said shepherds seeking more grazing land or developers wanting to change zoning regulations may have set off the blaze, declared under control this morning.

Nearly all the victims were Italian tourists, including three children. Two families died trapped in cars as they tried to escape the fast-moving flames.

A woman identified only as Elisabeth Huguier, 38, of West Germany, died in a Turin hospital where her husband is in critical condition.

The blaze was the worst since early August, when fires in the same north-east corner of the island destroyed more than 1,000 hectares (2,500 acres) and killed nine people.

Thousands of tourists, ranging from campers to residents of hotels of the island's expensive Emerald Coast, were evacuated last night as a precautionary measure.

A blaze which raged through the night on the northern outskirts of Marseille was also brought under control today as new fires erupted along the French Riviera coast.

Earthquake shakes Rome

ROME, Aug. 29. (AP) An earthquake just south of the capital woke some residents early today but caused no damage or injuries.

The epicentre was in the Alban hills southeast of the city known as the Castelli Romani.

Newspapers reported that police received hundreds of calls from frightened residents but that no injuries or damages had been reported.

The quake occurred at 1:22 am (2322 GMT Monday) and measured six on the Mercalli scale, which gauges the intensity of an earthquake as felt in a specific location.

Women raped, boat sunk

Pirates ravage

BANGKOK, Aug. 29. (UPI) Knife-wielding pirates attacked and robbed a boatload of about 150 Vietnamese refugees in the Gulf of Thailand and then sank their boat, leaving only one known survivor in one of the worst such attacks ever, police said today.

"There were about 150 people aboard the boat which left southern Vietnam on June 15," said Lt. Col. Prakorb Benjapong, of the Thai marine police in Songkhla, 500 miles (830 km) south of Bangkok. "We know of only one survivor."

Prakorb told United Press International in a telephone interview that the sole survivor, identified as Pham Hong Kuk, 17, said the refugee boat was attacked only two days after its departure.

He quoted Kuk as saying two Thai boats came up to the refugee boat and two men carrying razor-like knives came aboard.

"They took everything of value on the boat and then forced 13 girls and one seven-year-old boy aboard the fishing boats," Prakorb said.

"Then one of the boats rammed the refugee boat six or seven times until it sank," he said.

He quoted Kuk as saying about half the refugees were struggling in the water when the pirates left them to drown. Thai authorities believe there is virtually no likelihood of survivors since the violence took place in June and nobody has showed up except for Kuk.

The 17-year-old Vietnamese said she and the other girls were repeatedly raped for about a week. Then, she said one of the girls was thrown overboard screaming. The next night Kuk was kicked into the water by the crewmen, Prakorb reported.

Within a short time, however, a fishing boat passed by and threw a float to her, he said. She clung to the float for a day when crewmen on another trawler from the southern Thai port of Pattani, pulled her from the water and took her to shore.

One of the crewmen took the girl to stay with his family, treating her kindly until police learned about the case in early August.

Students clash

Seoul police storm campus

SEOUL, Aug. 29. (AP) Radical students screaming anti-government slogans hurled rocks and firebombs at police and captured and beat three officers in the southern city of Kwangju today, news reports said.

The three riot policemen were captured when 1,000 students battled police at Chonnam University, said Yonhap, the South Korean news agency.

Police retaliated by storming the campus with 1,300 troops firing tear gas, Yonhap said. It said the three policemen were released and taken to a hospital, and about 10 students were arrested.

Rallies demanding the overthrow of the government and the release of a student charged with illegally visiting communist North Korea were held at 17 schools in Seoul and 10 in provincial cities, the state-run KBS television said.

About 700 students in the capital fought riot police with clubs, rocks and firebombs, news reports said.

In the southeastern port of Pusan, about 1,000 students wielding firebombs and rocks clashed with police firing tear gas at Donga University in a battle that lasted 90 minutes, Yonhap said.



A Seoul riot policeman shields himself (Reuters wirephoto).

Sri Lankans are living in terror

WADDUWA, Sri Lanka, Aug. 29. (Reuters) A charred body, one foot protruding into the air, smouldered on a pile of rubber tyres in this tranquil fishing village today, the latest evidence of an insidious terror that stalks Sri Lanka.

"The body was burned last night, government people did this," said one of 10 villagers staring at the pyre.

The villagers in Wadduwa, some 20 miles (32 km) south of Colombo, had little else to do since left wing rebels seeking to overthrow Sri Lanka's government had ordered them not to work this week.

Failure to obey strike calls from the People's Liberation Front (JVP), a group of militant youths from the majority Sinhalese community, can mean death.

The organisation has been accused of killing over 3,000 people since it launched its campaign to topple the government just over two years ago.

The government of President Ranasinghe Premadasa vowed to meet killings with killings and the death toll on the Indian Ocean island has reached massive proportions, diplomats say.

Thousands of innocent people have been arrested and many of them have disappeared in a massive security sweep launched by the government two months ago, according to human rights lawyers based in the capital, Colombo.

One of those lawyers, Kanchana Abeypala, was gunned down at his Colombo flat yesterday.

At Panadura, a village near Wadduwa on the west coast, 14 people were massacred yesterday in an apparent retaliation for the killing of a woman soldier and her family by JVP rebels, military sources and residents said.

"People are living from day to day, terrified," said a Western diplomat.

"Nobody knows who is doing the killing anymore."

Reporting in an island that used to be one of the West's favourite Third World tourist destinations is dangerous, partly because vigilante squads hunting the JVP work outside the law, Sri Lankan journalists say.

A few minutes after two journalists arrived in Wadduwa, six armed men dressed in local sarongs and totting Chinese-made T56 assault rifles pulled up beside the blackened body.

After toying with the idea of ordering the two strangers to get into their van, the band settled for confiscating camera film before tearing out of the village in a cloud of dust.

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INTERNATIONAL

Kermit and company get a new boss

LAKEBUENA VISTA, Florida, Aug 29. (AP) Miss Piggy and Kermit the Frog danced a jig with Mickey and Minnie Mouse as the Walt Disney entertainment empire Monday acquired the Muppet manager and the services of their creator, Jim Henson.

The merger of the two kiddie entertainment giants will blend the colourful characters from "The Muppet Show" — the most widely seen television programme in the world with an estimated 235 million viewers in some 100 countries

— into Disney's theme parks, movies, TV shows and retail merchandising products. Henson also will create new characters for Disney.

Henson and Walt Disney Co. Chairman Michael Eisner refused to disclose the purchase price, which reportedly was between \$100 million and \$150 million.

Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch and the Cookie Monster will be staying on "Sesame Street," a highly popular and successful children's television show. Henson's creations for the children's series are

not part of Disney's takeover of Henson Associates Inc., and he'll keep working with that show.

The announcement came at the new Disney-MGM studios at Disney World.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse were performing their regular show when Miss Piggy and Kermit bounded out on the open-air stage. The four danced a jig and kissed each other on the cheek, to applause from several hundred spectators.

"I've loved Disney. I grew up on its movies... and I'm happy to have the Mup-

pets at the parks," said the bearded Henson, who created Kermit in 1955 and followed that up with Miss Piggy, Animal, Fozzie Bear, Gonzo, Scooter and others.

Henson and Eisner said few details have been worked out on Disney's plans for the Muppets. But work has begun on a new Muppet theatre, to open next May, featuring 3-D technology and Disney's "audioanimatronic" robots.

The Disney chairman said the acquisition would reinforce Disney's stable of personalities.

Cult
slayer
suffers
AIDS

MEXICO CITY, Aug 29. (AP) A member of the Mexican cult accused of carrying out human sacrifices in Matamoros is suffering from AIDS, a defence lawyer says.

The government news agency Notimex also reported yesterday that Omar Francisco Orea Ochoa, 23, has acquired immune deficiency syndrome.

Judicial officials confirmed that Orea had been transferred to a prison hospital but refused to disclose his ailment.

The diagnosis was revealed in a medical report delivered to prison officials on Aug 2, defence attorney Horacio Moya Quintanilla said.

"He has AIDS," the lawyer said in a telephone interview. "That's what the doctors told me."

Moya Quintanilla represents the woman who prosecutors say was the cult's "godmother," 24-year-old Sara Maria Aldrete Valverde.

The lawyer said the medical report on Ms Aldrete said she did not have the disease even though both she and Orea Ochoa had been lovers of cult leader Adolfo de Jesus Constanzo, 26.

AIDS is usually transmitted through sex or tainted blood. There is no known cure for the disease, which destroys the body's immune system.

Several other cult members were also Constanzo's lovers, according to court testimony in the case.

Orea Ochoa told the Associated Press in an interview that he and Constanzo had lived together for more than five years. Ms Aldrete said she had known him for about 18 months.

Constanzo died in a May 6 shootout when police closed in on the Mexico City apartment where he, Orea Ochoa, Aldrete and two other members of the cult were hiding.

They had been on the run since the discovery in April of 15 mutilated bodies on a ranch near Matamoros. One law officer described the cult "temple" as resembling a "human slaughterhouse."

Robbers
steal ton
of silver

RENO, Nevada, Aug 29. (AP) Two shotgun-toting robbers stole more than a ton of unprocessed silver from a remote mine in a caper so well planned that authorities suspect the crooks had inside information, police said.

Authorities said yesterday they had no solid leads or suspects in the robbery late Saturday night at Trinity Silver mine in Lovelock, about 90 miles (144 kilometres) northeast of Reno.

The impure silver was worth more than \$200,000, authorities said.

Gene Smith, spokesman for Los Angeles-based US Borax Co., which owns part of the mine, said the robbers carried off the loot using a wheelbarrow and truck and then left spikes in the road to flatten tires of any pursuers.

A man wearing a red ski mask and armed with a 12-gauge shotgun confronted two mine employees, tied them with duct tape and then loaded up 1.25 tons of silver buttons, wheelbarrow by wheelbarrow, onto a pickup truck outside.



Alsop: a powerful voice

Bakker fears assassination: lawyer
TV preacher on firing line

Bakker, left, arrives at federal court accompanied by his lawyer, George Davis. (Reuters wirephoto)

OSLO, Norway's post office computer has crashed, overwhelmed by the huge demand for tickets to a concert by former Beatle Paul McCartney, who will open his first world tour in 13 years here next month.

A spokesman for the concert organisers said on Tuesday that all 5,700 tickets for the Sept 26 concert had sold out within hours of going on sale on Monday.

The post office had planned to sell them all over Norway so that everyone would have a fair chance. But its computer system crashed just minutes after the sale started.

A couple found the canteen while touring World War II battle sites in the New Georgia Islands, near New Guinea and Guadalcanal.

Blankenship's name, rank, serial number and blood type were etched into the back of the rusty canteen.

The finders — Pete and Betty Medley, of Shelby, Ohio — assumed that Blankenship had been killed. They contacted US Sen John Glenn and asked him to help locate Blankenship's next of kin. Through the Defence Department, they learned he was very much alive.

GEORGETOWN, Guyana: A court in Guyana rejected a 12-year-old girl's request to marry the man who got her pregnant, and instead ruled to investigate him for unlawful sexual conduct, a newspaper said Friday.

High court judge Lemox Perry on Thursday threw out the girl's petition on the grounds that her attempt to secure a favourable ruling was a gimmick to avoid prosecution of Senegal Seppensard for carnal knowledge of a juvenile, the state-owned chronicle newspaper said.

The judge instead ordered police to investigate the relationship between Seppensard, in his 20s, and the girl, who lives in rural Berbice county in eastern Guyana.

Seppensard told the court he wanted to marry the girl. She produced a doctor's certificate showing that she was six weeks pregnant. She told the court she was aware that due to her age, she must get the court's permission to marry, since even her parents' approval would not be enough. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Randy and Grace Quinones got married five years ago after meeting on a commuter van they took to work each day.

Last Thursday, they celebrated with Mayor Tom Bradley the 10th anniversary of the van-pool programme that shuttles more than 21 per cent of the employees to and from the Downtown Transamerica Centre.

"It's good for everyone," Bradley said. "You can read, sleep... you can even propose for marriage if you like."

Quinones, 32, sporting a top hat, and his 31-year-old wife, clutching a bouquet, said they met in 1981 when he was the designated driver of the van she took each day from Ontario, about 35 miles (55 kilometres) east of Downtown.

He eyed her in the rearview mirror for about a month before he got the nerve to ask her out on a date. Three years later, they were married.

NEW YORK: Actor William Hurt used religious doctrine to induce his former lover, Sandra Jennings, to live with him in common-law marriage, Jennings' lawyer reportedly charged in a legal brief filed last week.

Lawyer Richard Golub said Hurt used the phrases, "spiritual marriage" and "marriage in God's eyes," New York Newsday reported Friday.

Jennings, 32, a former dancer with the New York City Ballet, is suing to have her relationship with Hurt, 39, declared a marriage based on four weeks they lived together while he filmed The Big Chill in South Carolina.

There is no doubt that the defendant used the techniques of religious doctrine and argument to induce (Jennings) to marry him, common-law fashion," Newsday quoted Golub as charging in an 89-page brief filed last Wednesday. The newspaper said it reviewed that brief and Hurt's lawyers' 54-page reply, though both documents were confidential because the case is matrimonial. (AP)

US political columnist Joseph W. Alsop dies of cancer at 78

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (UPI) Joseph Wright Alsop Jr, the politically influential journalist whose prominent career began with the Lindbergh kidnapping trial and spanned nearly 50 years, died of cancer and emphysema at age 78.

Alsop died peacefully yesterday at his home in Georgetown, said his longtime secretary Jan Wentworth. Alsop suffered from severe anaemia, emphysema and lung cancer, and retired in 1975. He under-

went heart surgery in the early 1980s.

During his career, the chain-smoking Alsop became one of America's most influential and widely read political columnists between the end of World War II and the Vietnam War.

Alsop was born Oct 11, 1910, in Avon, Connecticut, where his father was a tobacco grower, an insurance executive and a state legislator. His mother was a distant cousin of Presidents Franklin

Roosevelt and Theodore Roosevelt. She had also served in the state legislature.

In 1932 Alsop graduated from Harvard University, and shortly thereafter he went to work for the now-defunct New York Herald Tribune, where his family had connections and arranged a job for him.

In 1934, Alsop distinguished himself with his coverage of the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, who was convicted

of kidnapping and killing the son of fier Charles Lindbergh. Two years later, Alsop moved to Washington to cover news in the nation's capital.

Alsop was an aide to Gen. Claire Chennault in China during World War II. He was captured by the Japanese at Hong Kong and interned until June 1942, when he was exchanged and returned to the United States.

The active voice
Calling card

NEW YORK, Aug 29. (AP) Credit cards that respond only to their owner's voice have been invented by scientists at Bell Communications Research, it was announced yesterday.

A card owner could put the card in a bank teller machine that was equipped with a microphone and then speak a password instead of punching in a four-character identification code, Bellcore researchers said.

The system could also work with telephone calling cards, consumer credit cards and doors that use card locks, Bellcore said.

The system capitalises on the premise that no two voices are alike. It compares the spoken words with the voice pattern stored digitally on the card.

Bellcore said it has patented the system and plans to license it to other companies. Bellcore does research for the seven regional Bell US phone companies.

HUGO, Oklahoma: Gov. Henry Bellmon learned that Duke, the state drug agency's drug-sniffing dog, doesn't play favourites with anyone when his job is on the line.

Bellmon visited rural Choctaw County on Thursday to watch a marijuana eradication programme, and after examining some high-quality marijuana, reached down to pet Duke.

"The dog," growled and indicated he didn't like the dope smell on his hands," said Scott Rowland, spokesman for the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs. (AP)

LONDON: Dogs who go out in the noonday sun are biting more and more English mailmen, the Post Office says.

Hot weather makes dogs irritable and attacks on mailmen were up by 40 per cent in the first six months of this year, the Post Office said.

A survey of the problem in the current long hot summer by the Times of London reported a mailman in Somerset bitten on the arm when a dog leapt through the window of his delivery van.

In Bristol, a mailman had a narrow escape when a guard dog inside a house crashed through the glass front door in a vain effort to get him. A quarter of the 100 mailmen in Inverness, Scotland, were bitten last year.



Watery rescue

Workers raise a single-engine private plane after the pilot made an emergency landing in a branch of the Hamburg city river of Alster in West Germany. The plane was about 2 kilometres away from the Hamburg airport when engine trouble occurred. The pilot survived. (Reuters wirephoto)

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug 29. (Agencies):

The criminal trial of television preacher Jim Bakker was hotter than one of his PTL sermons yesterday, with supporters and detractors trading verbal volleys, a woman ejected from court by an angry federal judge and a lawyer claiming fears of Bakker's assassination.

Bakker's lawyer, George Davis, told US District Judge Robert Potter a federal marshal had commented that the life of the television evangelist could be in danger.

Mr Bakker feels very insecure because of crowd reaction outside this courtroom," said the 82-year-old Davis. "He has received death threats in the past, and there is a significant amount of feeling about this case and much of it is antagonistic toward Mr Bakker."

But Potter did not buy the argument that extraordinary security should be provided.

"He goes out the front door just like any other defendant and comes in the front door," said Potter. "Mr Baker, I'll have a marshal walk you to the curb each night."

Earlier in the day the judge reacted angrily to a woman at the trial calling Bakker a "no good crook" in the presence of jurors, and ordered her out of his courtroom and never to return.

Bakker, 49, is charged with 24 counts of fraud and conspiracy stemming from the way he raised and spent money at his PTL television ministry. He faces up to 120 years in prison if convicted of all the charges against him.

Prosecutors say he fleeced his flock through the sale of lifetime PTL partnerships, which promised three nights, free lodging at PTL's Heritage USA Resort and Christian theme park for life to anyone who gave \$1,000.

Prosecutors plan to use PTL videotapes to show that Bakker, while claiming to be destitute, was a beggar who fleeced his faithful to the tune of \$158 million.

The money, they claim, was diverted to the general fund and used to reward Bakker and his wife, Tammy Faye, with huge salaries and bonuses that afforded them a high degree of personal luxuries.

Bakker is still held in high esteem by some PTL contributors despite his admission to a one-time sexual encounter with former church secretary Jessica Hahn nine years ago.

Pay off

A former aide to evangelist Jim Bakker testified that the founder of the PTL ministry used church money to pay Hahn to keep quiet about their tryst.

David Taggart testified yesterday, the first day of Bakker's fraud and conspiracy trial, that his former boss also used church money to buy homes, expensive cars and to finance luxurious trips to seaside resorts.

A prosecutor, citing what he called excesses in Bakker's lifestyle, said on one occasion the minister and his wife bought \$100 worth of cinnamon buns from a bakery because they liked the aroma, and threw the rolls out from their hotel suite three days later without eating a single one.

Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined \$5 million if found guilty of all of the charges against him.

Bakker quit his PTL ministry in March 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff made to her to keep her quiet. Davis said the Hahn payment was made without Bakker's knowledge.

Taggart was the only witness to testify yesterday. He was to take the stand again today as the trial continued.



A man is arrested by London police after the Notting Hill Carnival erupted in violence Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Violence mars fest
30 officers hurt, 250 arrested

LONDON, Aug 29. (Agencies): Scotland Yard said today that 30 of its officers were injured and 250 people were arrested during violence at the end of a two-day Afro-Caribbean festival.

The clashes took place at the close last night of what earlier had been called the most peaceful of the Afro-Caribbean festivals, held each of the past 24 years during a holiday weekend.

"There was a outbreak of disorder which started at about eight," a Scotland Yard spokesman said. "Our officers were attacked by groups of youths throwing missiles."

Police estimated 200,000 people on Sunday and 300,000 yesterday jammed London streets to see costume parades, street performers and bands in what has become a cultural focal point for London's black community.

One officer was stabbed in the stomach and hospitalised but was not seriously hurt and other

injuries were minor, said the yard headquarters of the London police. Seven civilians were hurt, it said.

The Yard said charges against those arrested included possession of offensive weapons, drugs offences and disorderly behaviour.

It blamed groups of youths "determined to provoke disorder" for violence in the carnival's closing hours when police were pelted with cans and bottles.

Police with riot shields tackled the youths and made arrests. The yard said about 5,000 officers were on the streets, some of horseback, and a police helicopter buzzed overhead as the violence flared.

Conservative lawmaker Terry Dicks said the carnival should be banned because of the cost of policing it which he estimated at £1 million (\$1.56 million) this year.

Ethics
inquiry
sought

WASHINGTON, Aug 29. (Agencies): US Congressman Barney Frank is asking the House Ethics Committee to investigate his former relationship with a male prostitute.

"Questions have been raised about my employment of a personal assistant during a period between 1985 to 1987," Frank wrote in a letter to the chairman of the Ethics Committee. "I have publicly responded to these questions, and I have expressed regret for the mistaken judgement involved."

"In order to ensure that the public record is clear, I hereby request that the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, conduct an investigation into these matters," Frank said in yesterday's letter to Committee chairman Julian Dixon.

House rules require that a member act "at all times in a manner which shall reflect creditably on the House." The Ethics Committee already is looking into cases involving three other members accused of sexual improprieties.

Frank pledged to co-operate fully with investigators and asked that the probe be conducted quickly.

The liberal Democrat acknowledged Friday that he had paid for sex with a male prostitute, then hired the man, Steve Gobie, to do household chores and run errands.

Saying he was "victimized," Frank said he fired Gobie two years ago when he became suspicious that Gobie was selling sex from Frank's Capitol Hill apartment.

Gobie alleges Frank knew about the prostitution ring at his apartment. Frank denies that. Frank and fellow Massachusetts Democrat Gerry Studds are the two House members who have publicly acknowledged they are homosexual.

4 killed as party
becomes blood-bath
Husband guns down wife

LOS ANGELES, Aug 29. (AP): A man burst into a birthday party and opened fire with a gun, killing his estranged wife and three other women while seriously wounding two other people, authorities have reported.

Raymundo Navarro Jr was arrested without resistance outside his father's apartment, authorities and witnesses said yesterday. He was held without bail for investigation of murder and of attempted murder.

Maria Delia Navarro was celebrating her 27th birthday with about 20 family members and friends late Sunday when her estranged husband burst in and began shooting a handgun, investigators said.

Maria fell dead, as did Maria Garcia, 65, Leticia M. Dipp, 46,

and Francisca Amazueza 62, said coroner's spokesman Bob Dambacher.

"I hid behind a cabinet when the man came in and started shooting," said 12-year-old Francisco Amuzca. "I saw people fall to the floor. After he left, I ran into the bedroom and hid under the bed with two other kids."

An unidentified woman was listed in critical condition at County-USC Medical Centre with gunshot wounds to the head, and a man with a bullet wound in the abdomen was in serious condition, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's investigators.

Beatrice Palacios, 27, a longtime friend of the couple, said Navarro was easily angered. "He had a very bad temper."

Lesbian lover faces trial

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida, Aug 29. (UPI): A woman accused in the death of her lesbian lover faced trial yesterday in what is believed to be the first test of spousal abuse statutes by a lesbian in the United States.

Lawyers for Annette Green, 30, plan to argue that she shot to death her lover, Ivonne Julio, 32, last year because Julio physically and mentally abused her during their 11-year relationship.

The so-called battered spouse syndrome ordinarily is used by women who are abused by male lovers they claim they are powerless to leave.

"This is a new issue," New York University professor Holly Maguigan, an expert on domestic violence, told the Miami Herald. "But it is not surprising... The dynamics in a same-sex relationship are often similar to those in a heterosexual relationship."

Maguigan, an expert on domestic violence, said this is first case of its kind in the nation.

Julio died of a gunshot wound to the head suffered Oct 30, 1988 in a trailer park after a Halloween party and a fight between the lovers. Witnesses say they saw Green kick Julio during the party, courts records show.

Assistant state attorney Bob Johnson said he does not believe Green, and plans to seek the death penalty if she is convicted.

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Murder, Mexicans may be charged

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29, (AP): A prosecutor has said in court that former officials of the Mexican government may be implicated in connection with the torture murder of US drug agent Enrique Camarena.

The comments by assistant US attorney Jimmy Gurule came during a federal hearing yesterday at which he won the continued imprisonment of a material witness who is the brother-in-law of former Mexican president Luis Echeverria.

The prosecutor told US district judge Edward Rafeedie that the "political clout" of Ruben Zuno Arce makes him a key witness in the ongoing probe of Camarena's 1985 murder.

Gurule said the government now believes that corrupt political officials and law enforcement officers "at higher levels" were present at a Guadalajara home during a brutal interrogation of Camarena in the hours before he was murdered.

Gurule argued in favour of the continued imprisonment of Zuno, who has been held since Aug 9 as a material witness without any charges filed against him.

Zuno testified before a grand jury last Thursday, but Gurule said he did not conclude the questioning and wants him to return next Thursday.

Gurule said he believes that Zuno acted as "a go-between" for politicians and drug traffickers including Rafael Caro Quintero. Caro has been accused of ordering Camarena's execution and is awaiting trial in Mexico.

Camarena allegedly was tortured and murdered at a home that Caro bought indirectly from Zuno. Gurule said the government wants information about transfer of the property.

The kidnapping and torture murder of Camarena and his pilot, Alfredo Zavala-Avelar, became an international incident. The US Drug Enforcement Administration has pledged to try to arrest and prosecute every person involved in the murders. Several members of the Mexican federal police force were linked to the killings and one, Raul Lopez Alvarez, was convicted last year along with two drug traffickers.

Swindall guilty of perjury

ATLANTA, Aug. 29, (UPI): Former US Congressman Pat Swindall was sentenced to a year in prison and fined \$30,000 yesterday for lying to a grand jury about his knowledge of a scheme to launder illegal drug profits.

Swindall, a Republican who lost a bid for re-election following his legal troubles in 1988, could have been sentenced up to five years in prison and given a \$250,000 fine on each of nine counts of perjury.

Officials recommended Swindall serve his term in a federal minimum-security prison, possibly in Atlanta.

Government prosecutors had recommended Swindall serve 37 months in prison and be fined \$75,000. Federal guidelines prohibited judges from sentencing Swindall to probation, requiring that he serve at least 10 months in prison.

Swindall's wife, Kim, held his hand and patted him on the back as the judge pronounced sentence.

"I think it's a fair sentence, an appropriate sentence for anyone found guilty of perjury," Swindall said after the hearing.

Colombian money launderer arrested

Bombing campaign by drug traffickers

BOGOTA, Aug. 29, (Agencies): Authorities have announced the capture of a major drug trafficking figure wanted in the United States as President Virgilio Barco blamed US drug users for causing the violence wracking his country.

"Those of you who depend on cocaine have created the largest, most vicious criminal enterprise the world has known," Barco said in a videotaped English-language address delivered yesterday to US television networks.

Bombs blew up six state liquor stores today in the Colombian drug capital of Medellin and one bomb damaged a travel agency in Bogota, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, but police believe a group linked to the Medellin drug cartel is responsible for the bombing of nine banks on Sunday and two political party offices in Medellin last Thursday.

A group calling itself the Extraditables has declared what it called "total war" on the government of Barco.

Yesterday, US Ambassador Thomas McNamara met privately with Colombia's foreign minister to formally request extradition of a key drug suspect. In Washington, Colombia's justice minister discussed the issues of extradition and US aid with US Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.



A Colombian soldier stands guard in front of the Castillo Marroquin, an estate owned by Colombian drug baron Camilo Zapata Vazquez.



De Greiff (centre) is surrounded by security agents as he leaves the residence of the Colombian ambassador in Washington.



Israeli Army reserve Lieut. Col. Vair Illel arrives at police headquarters for questioning about reports he trained Colombian drug traffickers.



The president of Colombia's National Association of Judicial Employees, Antonio Suarez Nino, has said 300 judges would resign due to lack of security. (Reuter wirephotos)

Colombia judges in danger

BOGOTA, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Colombia's judges, under threat of death from cocaine barons, face a spiralling murder rate in society at a time when crimes are increasingly difficult to punish, legal experts say.

"The situation is one of anguish," Marcia Cristina Mercedes, of the independent Andean Commission of Jurists, told Reuters.

"There is impunity in general for all crimes and as one example I can say that suspects are detained in only about 10 per cent of crimes."

While there were about 16,000 murders last year in Colombia, a nation of about 30 million people, there were only slightly more — 20,675 murders — in the United States, which has a population of about 246 million.

In Bogota, the murder rate in the first seven months of 1989 was 30 per cent higher than in 1988, said police major Guillermo Santos, who compiles crime statistics for the capital.

The feeling of insecurity extends to the heart of the legal system. Colombia's 4,379 judges themselves.

Last week, after the government launched a crackdown on the country's cocaine cartels following the assassinations of a leading presidential candidate, a judge and a police chief, the drug barons threatened to kill 10 Colombian judges for each drug trafficker extradited to the United States.

The judges have staged two strikes this month to press

for greater government protection in the face of death threats.

More than 50 judges have been killed this decade. According to the Judges Association, the 1,300 or so judges who handle narcotics cases have all been threatened.

The Justice Ministry is trying to secure money for more armoured cars and bodyguards to protect judges.

Yesterday, Justice Minister Monica de Greiff, who received death threats last week, met in Washington US Attorney-General Dick Thornburgh to discuss \$2.5 million the United States will provide to help protect judges.

Even if judges go into exile, as at least six have already, their families remain vulnerable here.

One judge who went into exile last year after indicting a reputed Medellin drug cartel leader escaped death. But her father, a former state governor, was killed by motorcycle-borne assassins last May in what was widely seen as retaliation.

One reason for the increase in the murder rate in Colombia, a senior judicial official said, was the increase in massacres, defined as the killings of four persons or more.

There were 88 massacres last year, claiming 674 victims, said an adviser to President Virgilio Barco. The massacres by right-wing groups accounted for 58 per cent of the victims, followed by drug trafficking groups with 12 per cent, he said.

UK Labour attacks mercenaries

'Cancel passports'

LONDON, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party was today continuing its campaign to cancel the passports of UK mercenaries said to be training the jungle armies of Colombia's cocaine barons.

Labour's foreign affairs spokesman George Foulkes, who was taking up the matter with the

Foreign Office, has said removing the passports would cripple the activities of men "heaping shame on Britain's head."

He added that airports and all other points of entry likely to be used by these people "in the course of their criminal work could easily be notified that the passports they carry are declared null and void."

Sixth man held in NY racial murder

NEW YORK, Aug. 29, (AP): A sixth man has been arrested in connection with the slaying of a 16-year-old black youth attacked by a bat-wielding gang of whites in a case that has renewed debate over race relations in New York City.

Joseph Serrano, 20, surrendered yesterday to detectives and was charged with first-degree assault, first-degree riot, aggravated harassment, menacing and civil rights violations, said officer Edward Feeney, a police spokesman.

In the neighbourhood of Bensonhurst, where Yusuf

Hawkins was shot to death Wednesday night, there were signs that tempers were cooling off following two days of racial confrontations.

About a dozen blacks led about 150 white residents on a short walk through the streets where the killing occurred.

Dozens of people, angry over a third day of demonstrations in their neighbourhood, stood facing the demonstrators but were quieter and less confrontational than residents of the predominantly white community had been Saturday and Sunday.

Drug baron acted god

Townpeople terrorised

PACHO, Colombia, Aug. 29, (AP): Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha went from raising pigs to the life of a wealthy cocaine magnate, establishing his whim as law and terrorising townspeople in the city of Pacheco, an army colonel said.

The crackdown on Colombia's drug traffickers led the army last week about 50 miles (80 kilometres) north of the capital of Bogota to Pacheco, a city of 20,000 people. Here, Rodriguez Gacha was so feared that when his teen-age son wanted to have a few drinks, the bar closed its doors to everyone else until his thirst was quenched.

Freddy Rodriguez — the 18-year-old prince of his father's drug empire — and seven bodyguards were arrested in a government raid last Thursday.

Rodriguez Gacha is one of the bosses of the cocaine cartel based in the industrial city of Medellin. The Medellin cartel is believed to be the world's largest cocaine-trafficking organisation, suspected of supplying 80 per cent of the cocaine shipped to the United States.

Few who live in Pacheco would talk with a reporter who visited following the raid. But Jaime Uscategui Ramirez, the army colonel who led the raids, related in an interview what residents had told him.

Uscategui Ramirez said townspeople said that fear led them to clear out when Rodriguez Gacha's son visited a bar. But they also said the drug baron could be extremely generous.

At one of his ranches, the army found 500 dolls wrapped to be given as gifts to peasants next Christmas.

But there also was a wooden gallows on the ranch. Uscategui Ramirez said it did not appear sturdy enough to hang someone and may have been intended as a macabre symbol.

Uscategui Ramirez estimated Rodriguez Gacha's wealth at \$1 billion.

"We know that he gave away some 3 million pesos (roughly \$7,500) daily. It may appear like an exaggeration, but it is not. After all, with just one single cocaine shipment abroad he was more than compensated," the colonel said.

The colonel spoke while sitting behind a desk in one of several houses at Rodriguez Gacha's horse breeding ranch.

The Pacheco raid was part of a crackdown ordered by President Virgilio Barco after the assassination of the country's leading presidential candidate, Senator Luis Carlos Galan, authorities have blamed the Aug 18 slaying on drug traffickers.

Government officials say that property worth more than \$200 million has been seized as part of the crackdown, including 300 ranches, houses and apartments. Newspapers have calculated that the drug traffickers own property in Colombia worth \$5.5 billion.

The economic impact of the crackdown has already had repercussions in Colombian communities.

"Just a few days ago this town thrived on Saturday nights and restaurants like this one were packed. And, now, look! You are my only customers," Blanca Castro, who runs a restaurant in Pacheco, told a reporter.

"This town is dead," she said, her voice hushed.

Uscategui Ramirez said he expected townspeople initially to resent the government's attempts to break up the drug empire.

"But in the end they will adapt to the new situation," he said.

For years Pacheco was almost entirely owned by Rodriguez Gacha, known as El Mexicano because of his love for Mexican culture. Most of Pacheco's workers were directly or indirectly employed by Rodriguez Gacha.

Cuban minister may get 20 yrs

Drug scandal

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 29, (AP): Cuba's former interior minister may get 20 years in prison for his role in that country's drug and corruption scandal, while six ministry officials face prison terms ranging up to 15 years, according to the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina.

Prosecutors requested the sentences Sunday after four days of testimony before a military tribunal, the official news agency reported from Havana.

It did not say when verdicts and sentences were expected in the case.

Ministry officials for whom prosecutors asked sentences of eight to 15 years include the former vice interior minister and the former head of customs, the agency said.

Gen. Jose Abrantes Fernandez, the former interior minister, and his co-defendants were accused of using their posts to enrich themselves.

Prensa Latina said prosecutors asked that Abrantes and at least four other defendants be reduced in rank to private and that all their illegal profits be confiscated.

The trial is the latest chapter in a scandal that has resulted in the executions of four former military officers, including a highly decorated general.

Justice Minister Juan Escalona has denied any direct link between the Abrantes case and the case that led to the executions last month.

Escalona said in a televised interview yesterday that the earlier trial involved treason while the current one is a case of official negligence, according to Prensa Latina.

Castro fired Abrantes as interior minister in June, when 12 military officers from the ministry and two from the army were charged with drug smuggling and other crimes.

Huey Newton eulogized

'Minister of the street' mourned

OAKLAND, California, Aug. 29, (UPI): About 2,000 mourners jammed services "of celebration" yesterday for slain Black Panther Party co-founder Huey P. Newton, who fellow radical H. Rap Brown said "paid the price of struggling" against black oppression.

"He was a minister of the street," Brown, fiery black power advocate of the 1960s, told the racially diverse audience of 1,300 people at the Allen Temple Baptist Church, where Newton was a member.

Another 500 to 600 people gathered outside to hear the services of loudspeakers. Many thrust fists into the air and declared, "Huey P. is alive and well."

Brown, in traditional Arabic dress and introduced by his Arabic name, Imam Jamil Abdullah Al Amina, was one of many speakers who praised the turbulent life of Newton, who



Mourners comfort each other as they view Newton's body before the start of funeral services Monday in Oakland, California. (Reuter wirephoto)

was gunned down on an Oakland street Aug. 22.

Brown said Newton's lifelong fight on behalf of blacks, even though he "paid the price of struggling," was the "essence of the life and death of Huey."

Police have arrested Tyrone Robinson, 25, identified as a young crack dealer who allegedly told investigators he shot Newton in self-defence while Newton was trying to rob him of drugs and money.

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Galaxies still forming, chance discovery proves

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, (UPI)—Astronomers reported yesterday discovery of a giant hydrogen cloud that could be an unborn galaxy and possibly provide the first strong evidence new star systems are still being formed.

Scientists from the National Science Foundation and Cornell University accidentally discovered the cloud — 10 times larger than our own Milky Way galaxy — while adjusting a radio telescope in Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Many astronomers have thought all galaxies were formed billions of years ago, shortly after the "big bang." But other scientists have argued some galaxies may still be forming.

Riccardo Giovanelli, a radio astronomer with the Science Foundation, said he considers the newly discovered cloud the best proof yet that galaxy formation is continuing.

"This cloud indicates that discs of galaxies can form slowly throughout

the history of the universe and (may) not just be something that happened during some magic period in the distant past," Giovanelli said.

The astronomer said he had doubted whether unborn galaxies existed until "stumbling into this thing."

The hydrogen cloud, discovered by Giovanelli and Cornell's Martha Haynes, is 65 million light years, or 384 sextillion miles (617 sextillion km) from earth — relatively close on the galactic

scale — and located south of the Virgo cluster of galaxies.

Galaxies form when such hydrogen clouds gradually condense to form stars and planets. A typical galaxy contains about 10 billion to 100 billion stars.

Prior to the discovery of the new cloud, Giovanelli said other large gaseous objects have been found in space but have been associated with existing galaxies.

"This cloud seems to have formed independently in a pocket of space isolated from other galaxies," said the astronomer, who is publishing details of the discovery in *Astrophysical Journal*.

Although the elliptical cloud is much larger in diameter than the Milky Way, the researchers said it has only about one-tenth the mass.

Because the cloud has not yet condensed into stars, it does not give off

visible light and emits only radio waves. That is why it has gone undetected in past optical surveys of space.

The radio signal emitted by the cloud was very strong, said researchers, adding they double-checked to make sure the signal was not caused by man-made sources or other interference.

Haynes said many astronomers, including her group, had been searching for unborn or "prototype" galaxies over the past 15 years.

Hackers asked
Beat it

TOKYO, Aug. 29, (Reuters)—Japan's telecommunications giant, Nippon Telegraph and Telephone (NTT), has offered a one million-yen (\$6,900) prize to any hacker who can beat its coded communications system within two years.

"We do not think anyone can decipher the system," an NTT spokesman said. "We do not mean to provoke hackers but want them to point out defects."

Kaifu
seeks
close
US ties

TOKYO, Aug. 29, (AP)—Japan's new Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu, hopes to build close ties to the Americans during a trip to the United States this week and will stress the need for both nations to do more to reduce their trade imbalance, officials said yesterday.

The 58-year-old Kaifu, who leaves tomorrow for Washington, also is to visit Mexico, the first such visit by a Japanese prime minister in nine years, and Canada.

Japanese prime ministers customarily visit Washington shortly after taking office to establish good working relations with US leaders, but Kaifu also hopes the trip will establish his own diplomatic credentials and revitalize his government's foreign policy.

Kaifu, who on Aug. 9 became Japan's third prime minister in less than three months, is a former education minister with little experience in foreign affairs. His Liberal Democratic Party has been rocked by a series of money and sex scandals that have put diplomatic initiatives on hold.

He is to meet Friday with US President George Bush and then visit Boston, where he plans to meet with academics and watch a baseball game, said Yukio Okamoto, director of the Foreign Ministry's first North America division.

Kaifu will be making clear to the president that there will be no change whatsoever in our basic position in our foreign policy, and he will continue to carry on the commitments... his predecessors made with President Bush and the American government."

In addition to forming a working relationship with US officials, Kaifu plans to reach out as much as possible to the American public, he said.

"We expect Mr. Kaifu's personal traits — young, energetic, accessible, a caring personality — will be well received by our American friends," he said.

Kaifu's visit to Mexico Sept. 4-6 will be the first by a Japanese prime minister since Masayoshi Ohira visited in May 1980.

The nationwide Japanese newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun reported yesterday that Japan will extend a yen loan worth \$1 billion to Mexico to help it combat worsening air pollution in its capital city. It said Kaifu would discuss the matter with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Kaifu is to meet with Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney in Ottawa on Sept. 7 to mark the 60th year of Japan-Canada ties, Okamoto said.

Bush, who is cutting short a vacation in Maine, is expected to seek a commitment from him that Japan will reform areas of its business and distribution system that the United States says limit foreign access.

Foreign Ministry officials said Kaifu will tell Bush that Japan is willing to pursue such structural reforms, but that the United States also must institute reforms in any substantial improvement in the trade imbalance is to be made.

Japan has made major reductions in tariffs and other import barriers in recent years, and officials in both nations now have begun to say that social and business structures and customs are most responsible for the continuing trade imbalance.

The United States has said Japan's complex distribution system and ingrained business relationships make it difficult for foreign companies to penetrate the market, and Japan's high saving rate reduces its purchases of foreign goods.

Japan will ask the United States to boost its savings and business investment rates, work harder to promote exports, improve its vocational training, and seek long-term investments rather than short-term profits, said Mitoyo Yabunaka, director of the Foreign Ministry's second North America division.

Amnesty accuses China of repression

Thousands face execution

LONDON, Aug. 30, (Reuters)—Amnesty International has said that thousands of Chinese faced execution or long jail sentences after last June's military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations.

The human rights group accused China of using mass arbitrary arrests, torture, summary trials and executions. It appealed to Premier Li Peng to halt what it called a continuing wave of repression and stop using execu-

tions as a political tool.

Amnesty said it had asked the United Nations to take "effective action" to combat human rights violations in China.

"Amnesty International has appealed to the international community to try to protect the thousands of Chinese who face execution or long-term imprisonment after unfair trials in the wake of the June massacres," the Lon-

don-based group said.

China has denied any massacre of demonstrators by its troops, saying that the army cleared protesters peacefully from Beijing's Tiananmen Square on the night of June 3 to 4.

But Amnesty said at least 1,000 civilians were killed and several thousand injured by troops firing indiscriminately into crowds in Beijing between June 3 and 9.

I shot
Rowe:
Filipino
rebel

MANILA, Aug. 29, (Agencies)—A communist rebel has admitted taking part in the April 21 shooting of US Army Col. James Rowe, the highest-ranking US official to be killed in the 20-year-old insurgency, the military said yesterday.

It announced that Juanito Itas, 25, was arrested with a companion on Sunday evening in Davao city after intelligence reports linked him to the death.

Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, acting military chief of staff, said he considered the Rowe case solved.

It was the first time the military claimed to have arrested one of the assassins. Police in June arrested a messenger for a university newspaper in connection with the slaying but said later he was not believed to have been among the actual assailants.

Rowe, 51, was shot on his way to work at the joint US military assistance group in Quezon City. Communist rebels claimed responsibility.

Itas was flown yesterday to Manila from Davao city, 610 miles (980 kilometres) south of the capital. Officials said he would be charged with murder.

Itas told reporters in Davao city he was part of a seven-man rebel team that ambushed Rowe a few blocks from his office.

"I shot him with my M-16," the stocky Itas, wearing a T-shirt and jeans and sporting a mustache, said in an interview with reporters. He said he and another gunman were seated in back of a car. Another guerrilla sat with the driver in the front seat.

"We were firing on Rowe while the car was moving," said Itas.

Itas said three other guerrillas in the seven-man team were in a backup car.

Itas said the leader of the assassination team, Demetrio Abaniel, was with him in the assault car. He said the two others in his car were known to him only as James and Edgar.

The three others in the backup car included the deputy team leader, whom authorities identified as Lucio Borlaza.

Itas, who admitted he killed five policemen in Davao, said he was called to Manila a week before the Rowe murder "when everything had been set up."

He said he and the two other triggermen in the assault car all fired with M-16 assault rifles and an ultimatum gun on Rowe.

Constable Glenn Salobo, who joined the team that arrested Itas said agents seized a .45 calibre pistol and a hand grenade from the guerrillas.

Salobo said Itas attempted to fight but was quickly overpowered by the agents aboard two Army vehicles and a passenger jeep.

Last June, the military filed murder charges against Donato Contiente, an employee of a student newspaper at the university of the Philippines, in connection with the Rowe slaying.

Contiente said he joined a guerrilla team which conducted surveillance on Rowe.

Military officials said Itas admitted taking part in three other assassinations of police and military officers in Davao city area.



All smiles

A tourist from Liaoning Province in China uses a lotus leaf to shade himself from the sun at Beijing's Gate of Heavenly Peace on Tuesday.

Foreign tourism to China plummeted in July to nearly half its level of the same month last year, but made a modest recovery from June following the bloody crackdown on the democracy movement, the China Daily reported Tuesday.

The tourism figures carried by the China Daily were evidence of the economic impact on China of the Chinese Army's firing on pro-democracy demonstrators in Beijing

in early June after weeks of massive anti-government protests.

The country earned \$2.2 billion last year from tourism, but analysts expect the industry will finish this year earning only half that. The peak summer season has been largely written off.

Beijing has been under martial law since May 20. Several nations, including the United States, have maintained warnings against "non-essential travel" to China. Major hotels are operating at or below 50 per cent occupancy, with some in the 20-30 per cent range.

Frigate deal
strains ties

NZ, Australia talk

CANBERRA, Australia, Aug. 29, (AP)—Two New Zealand cabinet members flew to Australia today for final negotiations on a Navy frigate deal that could jeopardize future relations between the long-time Pacific region allies.

Australian leaders have warned New Zealand that relations between the two countries would be damaged if New Zealand does not join an Australian frigate construction programme that is costing \$3.8 billion (US).

Public opinion polls show most New Zealanders oppose the Australian offer, which calls for New Zealand to buy four of the West German-designed frigates and Australia to buy eight.

Many New Zealanders and the powerful left-wing faction of the ruling Labour Party claim the country can't afford its share of the project at a cost of \$1.1 billion. The latest poll showed 47 per cent of those surveyed were opposed to the project, 36 per cent for it and the rest undecided.

After years of indecision by New Zealand, Prime Minister Geoffrey Palmer sent Defence Minister Bob Tizard and Finance Minister David Caygill to Canberra today, hoping the two could negotiate a reduction in Wellington's share of the cost.

In the past two weeks, Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his colleagues have turned up the heat on their New Zealand counterparts by making strong statements about the consequences of a rejection.

"They want to have a relationship between Australia and New Zealand, but essentially do it on the cheap," Hawke said during a visit to Operation Kangaroo 89, the biggest military exercise in Australia since World War II.

New Zealand, Australia's ally in several wars, was not invited to the military exercises because the Australians didn't want to offend the United States, which sent troops and ships.

The United States has refused all defence co-operation with New Zealand since Wellington banned nuclear armed or powered warships from its ports in 1983.

Australian Defence Minister Kim Beazley warned that relations with Australia might go the same way if Wellington backed out of the ship deal. He said a deterioration of relations would be inevitable.

"It is not really a question of punishment, revenge or anything else but simply the logical outcome of the situation," he said.

Beazley argues that New Zealand, which has four aging frigates, should share defence responsibilities in the southwest Pacific region.

He said he was anxious that New Zealand operate new Australian-built frigates in the Pacific because Australia has begun a major realignment of its defence, moving half of its Navy to the continent's west coast on the Indian Ocean.

The frigate debate takes place at a time when the two English-speaking Pacific nations are moving rapidly towards a united economic zone.

An agreement called closer economic relations will eliminate all trade barriers between them by July 1990.

Refugee
screening
tightened

TOKYO, Aug. 29, (UPI)—Immigration authorities have tightened the screening of Vietnamese refugees arriving in Japan after six of them were found to be Chinese disguised as boat people, officials said today.

The six Chinese, two of them women, have been denied landing permits and held under custody on suspicion of illegally entering Japan, the officials of the Justice Ministry said.

The Chinese were among 107 boat people who arrived in Nagasaki on Japan's southernmost island of Kyushu May 29, the officials said.

"The government will tighten the screening of boat people arriving in Japan and fake refugees, if any, will be placed under custody as illegal entrants," a spokesman for the Justice Ministry said.

Ministry officials said Japan is allowed to send illegal entrants back to their homeland under an international agreement on refugees.

Keiji Yonezawa, councillor at the Immigration Bureau, told reporters boat people who arrived in Japan after May should be called "ship people" because they navigated in relatively large, Chinese-made ships loaded with plenty of food and water.

"They come in large groups aboard big vessels, which can hardly be called boats."

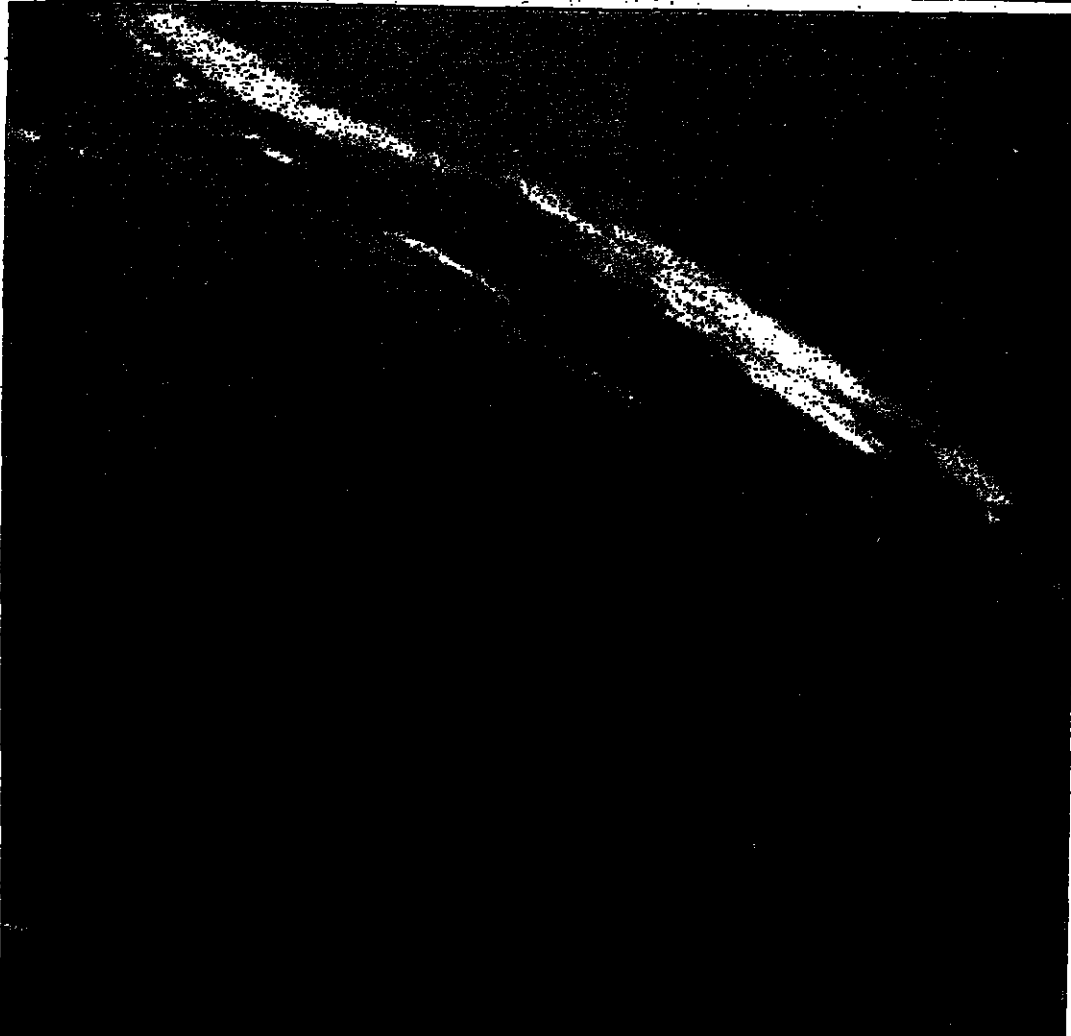
Rioting boat
people tamed

HONG KONG, Aug. 29, (AP)—Police recaptured an outlying island yesterday after a riot by Vietnamese boat people in which 23 officers were injured, police reported.

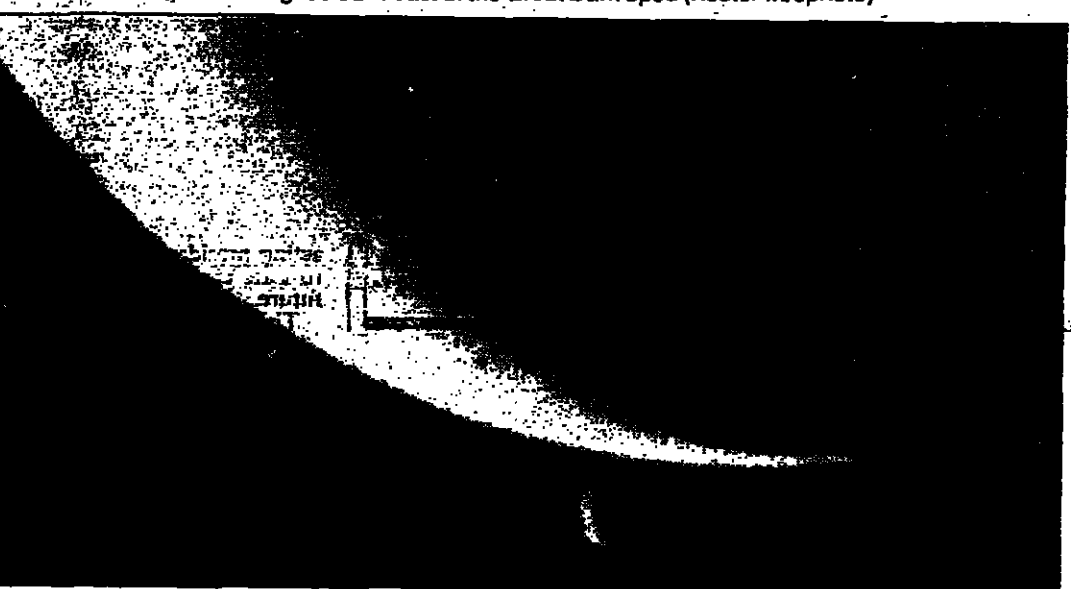
A police statement said two companies of about 250 police officers landed without incident on Tai A Chau Island, where about 5,000 Vietnamese boat people are housed.

About 50 policemen withdrew from the island to police launches Sunday night after some 1,000 Vietnamese began hurling stones in a dispute over the distribution of rice.

Police said some of the Vietnamese were armed with metal bars and other sharpened objects.



Voyager took this picture of Neptune when the spacecraft was 370,000 miles from the planet. The image shows bright clouds east of the Great Dark Spot. (Reuters wirephoto)



This is the first photograph to show the full crescent of Triton below the planet Neptune in a photograph taken by Voyager 2. (Reuters wirephoto)

Triton: the coldest
Adjustment saved photos

PASADENA, California, Aug. 29, (AP)—Voyager's pictures of Neptune's moon Triton — revealing a unique world of icy volcanoes — might have been washed out if not for last-minute adjustments to the spacecraft's cameras, the US space agency says.

"It wouldn't have wiped out the mission, but would have made a lot of photographs embarrassingly overexposed," said Rich Terrell, an astronomer at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "It would have been an incredible disappointment."

"They would have been white images," Voyager project scientist Edward Stone said yesterday.

With the help of those pictures, scientists said they were able to determine that Triton is the coldest body ever measured in the solar system, and that Neptune has something in common with Los Angeles smog.

Only days before Voyager made its closest approach to Neptune last Thursday and zipped past Triton on Friday, scientists recognized that the frosty surface of Neptune's largest moon reflected much more light than originally expected, said Mary Beth Murill, a laboratory spokeswoman.

Engineers compensated by sending Voyager new computer commands reducing the exposure time on its television cameras from 6.68 seconds to

3.84 seconds for the best close-ups of Triton, Murill said.

Those photographs revealed that giant craters, called calderas, once oozed an icy form of lava that flooded thousands of square miles (kilometres) of lunar terrain. They also found what scientists believe are active ice volcanoes that explosively propel frozen nitrogen particles 20 miles (32 kilometres) skyward.

During its Neptune encounter, Voyager's cameras discovered six moons in addition to Triton and Nereid, which were discovered from Earth. They also found three thin rings of debris and five broad rings encircling the solar system's fourth-largest planet.

NASA engineers are investigating the feasibility of reprogramming Voyager to take a snap shot of the entire solar system sometime in the coming months, said Lanny Miller, manager of the flight engineering office.

By 0400 GMT tomorrow, Voyager will be 2.76 billion miles (4.44 billion kilometres) from Earth and 4.55 million miles (7.32 billion kilometres) behind Neptune, speeding toward the edge of the solar system at 37,568 miles (60,458 kilometres) per hour.

Voyager 2's ultraviolet detector determined Triton's surface temperature is 400 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (240 degrees

below zero Celsius), making the moon "the coldest body we have seen in the solar system" said Roger Yelle of the University of Arizona.

Scientists believe Pluto and its moon Charon are the second-coldest bodies in the solar system.

Voyager also found smog on Neptune.

Sunlight hitting natural gas, or methane, high in the planet's atmosphere converts it into a 90-mile-thick (144-kilometre-thick) icy layer of photochemical smog at the bottom of Neptune's stratosphere, said Jim Pollock, an imaging team member from NASA's Ames Research Centre in Mountain View, California.

"Photochemical smog exists any place we've been that has an atmosphere," imaging team leader Bradford Smith said.

"In Los Angeles, the problem is it's happening way down low where we have to breathe it in amounts exceeding anything we've seen except on Titan," he said, referring to Saturn's smoggy moon.

In another finding, the best close-up shot of the Neptunian moon 1989 N1 showed it has a huge crater half the width of its lumpy-looking, 240-mile (380-kilometre) wide surface.

That indicates that a big meteorite once smacked into 1989 N1, one of the six moons discovered by Voyager since June, Smith said.

Atlantis hauled to launch pad for inspection

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida, Aug. 29, (UPI)—The space shuttle Atlantis, mounted atop a ponderous crawler-transporter, was slowly hauled to the launch pad today for blast off Oct. 12 on a high-priority flight to fire the \$1.4-billion Galileo probe to Jupiter.

One of the first items on the agenda at the pad is work to inspect rubber seals in both of

Atlantis's solid-fuel boosters because of a "knick" discovered in a seal used by the shuttle Columbia's right-side booster during its Aug. 8 launch.

The inspection will use up one of the days set aside to handle unexpected problems, but Atlantis remains on schedule for takeoff Oct. 12 to carry the Galileo probe into space.

The unmanned robot craft, the most sophisticated interplanetary spacecraft ever built, is scheduled to orbit Jupiter, dropping a probe into its stormy atmosphere.

Technicians began hauling Atlantis and its mobile launch stand from NASA's vehicle assembly building to launch pad 39B starting at 2:02 am today.

Greece burns secret files as symbolic gesture

ATHENS, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Greek authorities today publicly burnt some 16 million secret files compiled by intelligence services for four decades on the political beliefs of private citizens.

The ceremony, ordered by the conservative-communist coalition government, was hailed as a symbolic move to end bitter divisions among Greek

political parties.

The decision to burn the files marked the 40th anniversary of peace in the country's 1946-1949 civil war between right-wing forces and communist guerrillas.

"The burning of the files has put an end to the elements that cultivated the spirit of the civil war...it was a necessary

prerequisite for national reconciliation.

"Yannis Koutelidakis, a Public Order Ministry official said.

Police trucks carried stocks of files to a steel factory in the outskirts of Athens where they were destroyed in an incinerator.

"My record as a leftist haunted me all my life," George Falireas, a civil war

veteran, told Reuters. "It was impossible to find a job, to make friends. My ideology has sent me to jail a number of times."

"The misery has now ended. After 40 years of political discrimination I feel free," he said.

Right-wing forces with US backing won the civil war in which more than

300,000 people died. The Greek Communist Party (KKE) was banned from 1947 to 1974 and was legalised after the fall of a military dictatorship.

Public Order Minister Yannis Koutelidakis accused the former socialist government of Prime Minister Andreas Papandreu of maintaining the files despite a promise to destroy

them in 1984.

He said the socialists created new files to monitor the activities of political parties including KKE and the main conservative opposition New Democracy.

The socialists have argued that the files should not be destroyed because of their historic value.

Formation of Polish cabinet delayed

WARSAW, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki, unable to agree final details with his coalition partners, has put off naming Poland's first government dominated by non-communists in more than 40 years.

Solidarity parliament leader Bronislaw Geremek was quoted by the Communist Party newspaper Trybuna Ludu today as saying Mazowiecki would not name his cabinet until the end of next week. He had planned to do so by Thursday.

Solidarity sources in the northern city of Gdansk said Solidarity leader Lech Walesa was expected to come to Warsaw tomorrow to help speed up efforts to form a government.

Geremek said Mazowiecki had not yet finalised a programme to tackle Poland's pressing economic problems, nor settle on the make-up of his cabinet.

The Communist Party, stunned by its sudden fall from power, is doggedly holding out for more than the two ministries it has been offered — defence and the interior.

However, the communists are in such disarray that their parliamentary leader, Marian Orzechowski, suggested changing the party's name to project a new image.

He told activists in comments published today that the party — known since 1948 as the Polish United Workers' Party — should change its name to the Polish Socialist Labour Party.

The party, overwhelmed by Solidarity in party-free elections in June, is trying to shake off its Stalinist past and leading reformers hope to give it a Social Democrat image.

Mazowiecki, a veteran Solidarity activist, has three months to form a government. But Walesa says he has only six months to a year to prove himself before public patience runs out.

Geremek said Mazowiecki would probably present his cabinet to parliament in the first 10 days of September.

Meanwhile a communist official said today strike fever is simmering across the country and warned that Solidarity leader Lech Walesa's proposed moratorium on protests may be ignored, particularly by workers in the 7-million strong communist unions.

Polish Army not reliable

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29. (AP): The Kremlin cannot trust the Polish Army in case of an East-West European confrontation — but neither can Western war planners bank on Polish troops breaking ranks with their Soviet allies during a conflict, experts say.

"It is an unreliable force. I think that has been the Soviet general staff calculation for years, and I think it has got to be even more the conclusion" now that the communists have lost control of the Polish government, said A. Ross Johnson.

Unless the Soviets have firm control of Polish rail lines, they would face grave difficulties waging a ground war in Europe, according to analysts.

Ian Cuthbertson, a British expert on Eastern Europe, said: "The Soviets long have realised the unreliability of the Polish armed forces. Most of them are earmarked to protect Soviet communications lines in Poland for the group of Western forces" — the approximately 625,000 Soviet troops in East Germany.



Thousands of people demonstrate in the streets of Vilnius, Soviet Lithuania to mark the 50th anniversary of the Soviet-Nazi pact. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Peace prize: The Nobel Peace prize, this year worth \$455,000, will be announced Oct. 5, launching the 1989 Nobel season, officials said today.

The Baltic nationalist movements and the founder of an Israeli-Palestinian peace village were known to be among some 100 nominations received by the Nobel Committee of the Norwegian parliament.

The peace prize announcement in Oslo, Norway, will be followed by the naming in Stockholm on Oct. 9 of the Nobel prize for medicine by the Karolinska Institute.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences will disclose the winner of the economics prize on Oct. 11 and the winner of the prizes for physics and chemistry on Oct. 12, officials said.

The Swedish Academy, which awards the literary prize, traditionally keeps the date of its announcement confidential until just a few days in advance. It is always announced on a Thursday. (AP)

Pact signed: The mayor of Charvieu-Chavagneux and the head of the local Muslim community signed an agreement yesterday for purchase of a building that will serve as a mosque to replace one destroyed by a city bulldozer.

In a joint statement, Mayor Gerald Desezme and Abdelhak Benyaya, president of the Islamic Cultural Association, appealed for understanding and calm between Christians and Muslims.

They said they "condemned any act of violence against people and property as well as statements urging the communities to confront each other."

Charvieu-Chavagneux, a town of 8,000 people about 20 miles (30 km) east of Lyon, became a national focus for religious tension when the building being used for services by roughly 800 Muslims was knocked down on Aug. 16.

Ozal visits: Prime Minister Turgut Ozal toured southeastern Turkey today where Kurdish rebels killed six people in the latest violence of their separatist insurgency, Anatolian news agency said.

It said the bullet-riddled bodies of five men from Dilek village, kidnapped weeks ago by rebels of the separatist Marxist Kurdish Workers Party (PKK) were found on a mountain slope in Hakkari province.

A two-year-old child was shot dead yesterday by rebels who set fire to 12 tents in a raid on nomadic Kurdish shepherds on a plateau in Siirt province, the agency said. (Reuters)

Libyan celebrations: Algerian President Chadli Benjedid will arrive in Libya on Thursday for celebrations marking the 20th anniversary of Colonel Muammar Khaddafi's 1969 revolution, a diplomatic source said today.

Algeria had also sent an Army unit of around 200 men to march in a planned parade to commemorate the September 1 coup, the source said.

Morocco's King Hassan left Tangiers yesterday by ship for Tripoli and Tunisian President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali is also expected in the Libyan capital, bringing together four of the five leaders of the recently-formed Arab Maghreb Union. (Reuters)

Prosecution blocked: The government, saying it was acting to protect national security, ordered a prosecutor not to press charges against intelligence officials who allegedly wiretapped a Soviet diplomat, a newspaper reported today.

Earlier reports said the surveillance produced indications of a Soviet connection in the 1986 murder of Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson said the matter involved national security and refused to comment. Other government officials also declined to comment.

In a separate report, the Dagens Nyheter newspaper said the practice was routine and as many as 40 East bloc diplomats could be under illegal surveillance at any time.

The Svenska Dagbladet newspaper, citing sources it refused to name, said chief prosecutor Jan Danielsson was ordered to drop the case of the operation against the Soviet diplomat, who was not identified. (AP)

88 troops killed: Eritrean rebels said today they killed 88 Ethiopian troops in their biggest battle in two months, just ahead of peace talks in the United States.

Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) spokesman Othman Mohammed Omar said in Abu Dhabi, 60 government soldiers were wounded in the attack on an Ethiopian Army brigade on Sunday near the town of Adi Kaki.

He declined to give EPLF casualty figures.

The EPLF is the biggest of several factions fighting for independence for the Red Sea province of Eritrea.

Talks between the EPLF and the government, sponsored by former US President Jimmy Carter, are due to open in the US city of Atlanta next month. (Reuters)

Control relinquished: The head of Hungary's intelligence service said today that the Communist Party has relinquished control of its agency, and that he now reports to top government leaders only.

The transfers of power in several government agencies, including the armed forces and the police, are in preparation for free parliamentary elections scheduled by next June.

However, the handing over of control from the Communist Party to government leaders has had little practical effect so far, because all present government leaders are also ranking communists. (AP)

Church defends: The head of the French Roman Catholic church today defended Polish priest Jozef Glemp, accused by Jewish leaders of making "grotesque and hate-filled" remarks in a controversy over a convent at the Auschwitz death camp.

Cardinal Albert Decourtray, Archbishop of Lyon and Primate of the Gauls, said in a statement that Cardinal Glemp and Polish bishops could not be accused of the anti-Semitism with which they are being reproached.

Glemp has been widely condemned by the Jewish community for remarks he made on Saturday in which he accused Jews of violating Poland's sovereignty. (Reuters)

Greenpeace returns: The Greenpeace flagship on Friday will dock for the first time in France, marking the ecology group's return here four years after French secret agents sank its former protest vessel in a New Zealand harbour.

The reopening of the group's Paris headquarters, closed after a furious political row about the French action, is due to be announced when the new ship also named Rainbow Warrior — arrives at the Atlantic port of La Rochelle.

Lequenne Philippe, Greenpeace's French director said Greenpeace plans no further action against the government, which paid \$8 million in compensation for bombing the ship four years ago in Auckland harbour, killing a photographer. (Reuters)

Reagan inspects: Former President Ronald Reagan sat at the controls of the B-2 Stealth bomber yesterday during his first inspection of the \$530 million aircraft, a spokesman said.

Reagan, a long-time supporter of the B-2 programme, spoke to Air Force personnel at a luncheon after his tour.

"I have been deeply impressed by what I have seen here today. It is truly amazing," he said.

Reagan told the military involved in the Stealth project they should be proud of their work, calling them "keepers of peace."

Poppy haul: Anti-narcotics teams in the Soviet central Asian republic of Tadzhikistan have seized or destroyed large quantities of poppies and charged 130 people with drug offenses, a Soviet newspaper reported today.

Most of the offenders were growing the plants not for money but for basic goods which are scarce in the Soviet Union such as sugar and flour, the newspaper Selskaya Zhizn said.

One old woman was caught with 1,700 plants. And at one state farm, agents found 1,200 poppy plants hidden among the onions and other vegetables.

Loncar said the non-aligned Movement, founded in 1961 at the initiative of Yugoslavia, Egypt and India, had drawn a breath of fresh life from the improved atmosphere in East-West relations since the mid-1980s.

"It is an obvious gain to the Nonaligned countries involved in some hotbeds of crisis, which are getting cooled down thanks to the process of relaxation," Loncar said.

"However, that does not mean that the

historical role of the movement has come close to being exhausted... the world is infinitely complex, there are so many unbroached issues in it, and so there is still ample scope for the movement's action."

Loncar identified Central America, Lebanon, Afghanistan and the aftermath of the Iran-Iraq war as particularly hard areas to achieve results, but he said there were more chances for progress over southern Africa and the Middle East.

Fresh unrest in far south

Gorbachev approved warning to Baltics

MOSCOW, Aug. 29. (Agencies): President Mikhail Gorbachev interrupted his holiday to approve a weekend warning to Baltic nationalists, the Kremlin disclosed today, as news broke of fresh unrest in the Soviet Union's far south.

Despite being on vacation, Gorbachev personally approved a tough statement warning the Soviet Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia to curb their nationalist clamour after big demonstrations last week, an official spokesman said.

In Moldova, adjoining Romania in the Soviet southwest, about 80,000 Russian-speaking workers went on strike as the local parliament met to consider a law that would reduce the status of the Russian language.

Across the Black Sea, Moscow drafted more Interior Ministry troops to join thousands already in Transcaucasia after a person died in fresh clashes between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh.

Fighting broke out last week around Nagorno-Karabakh after an attempt to set up an alternative local government, Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin said late yesterday, announcing the reinforcement.

"An anti-constitutional attempt was made to set up some kind of alternative structure of authority," Bakatin said on television.

He did not say who mounted the attempt in Nagorno-Karabakh, governed by a Kremlin commission since January after more than 100 people were killed in clashes between Azerbaijanis and Armenians.

The territory is part of Azerbaijan but an appeal last year by its mainly Armenian population for unification with neighbouring Armenia turned it into one of the focal points of unrest in the Soviet republics.

The Baltics have figured more prominently this month because of protests on the 50th anniversary of a Nazi-Soviet pact which assigned the three formerly independent states to the Soviet sphere of influence.

The ferocity of Moscow's warning on Saturday against Baltic "nationalist hysteria," and the fact that Gorbachev was on holiday outside Moscow, led to speculation that conservatives in the Kremlin issued the statement without his express approval.

But Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov made clear that Gorbachev took part in drafting the statement.

"It was worked out with the participation of all members of the Politburo and this includes the General Secretary of the Communist Party (Gorbachev)," Gerasimov told a news conference.

Protest

In Moldova, protest strikes by ethnic Russian workers spread throughout the republic, increasing tensions with the ethnic Romanian majority.

"There are strikes all over Moldova, even more than there were yesterday," a journalist from the newspaper Sovetskaya Moldavia said.

A spokesman for the strike committee said workers had downed tools at 45 factories in Tiraspol, 27 in Bender and 27 in Kishinev, the capital.

They are angry over a proposed language law before the Moldavian Parliament that would give official status to the Moldavian — or Romanian — language and revert to the use of Latin, instead of Cyrillic, letters.

In the Baltics, leaders of nationalist movements said they were shocked by the toughness of the Kremlin's weekend warning and they felt it would hurt Gorbachev's reputation as a reformer if it were linked to his name.

Communist Party leaders in the three republics sought to appease the Kremlin yesterday by issuing statements supporting its criticism of the nationalist unrest.

US President George Bush has praised Gorbachev's tolerance of the changes in Eastern Europe and expressed hope for more peaceful reform inside and outside the Soviet Union.



Buddhist monks call for a Cambodian reconciliation using megaphones as they demonstrate outside the conference centre in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

Talks in Paris ending in failure

No peace in Cambodia

PARIS, Aug. 29. (Reuters): A 19-nation conference on Cambodia will end tomorrow with no peace agreement for the war-torn Southeast Asian state, a French spokesman said today.

"The conference will end tomorrow and it will end with the publication of a communiqué which will undoubtedly be fairly brief," Foreign Ministry spokesman Jean Guéguinou told a news conference.

He said the month-long talks would resume in Paris "perhaps in the (northern 1990) spring, whenever it might appear to have more chance of succeeding."

Guéguinou said the conference had decided "it was too early to reach an agreement but it was not too early to begin again working for one."

Last-minute consultations with the four warring Cambodian factions at the talks had failed to break deadlock on five major points, especially the two key issues of power-sharing and setting up an international peace-monitoring mechanism.

"There was not, at this stage, the possibility of movement on the part of any of the Cambodian

factions," the French spokesman said.

Cambodia's Vietnam-backed government has refused to share power with the Khmer Rouge, former ultra-leftist rulers of the country, which has been in a state of war for nearly 20 years.

But the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge are the strongest resistance coalition fighting the Phnom Penh government, and backers of the resistance say they must have a role in power if there is to be peace.

The Paris conference was the most ambitious diplomatic forum to tackle the Cambodian conflict, which has dragged on since the war ended in neighbouring Vietnam in 1975.

But the foreign ministers of the Soviet Union, the United States and China, who attended the optimistic opening session in late July, stayed away from the closing round as failure hovered over the talks.

Because of the final deadlock, a ministerial session of the conference planned for this afternoon was cancelled, the spokesman said.

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Concern voiced on poison gas talks

GENEVA, Aug. 29. (Agencies): Japan warned negotiators on a global chemical weapons ban today that "momentum might be slipping out of our fingers" despite progress on technical points.

Chusei Yamada, Tokyo's chief envoy to the 40-nation conference on disarmament, suggested agreement on a target date for completing the draft treaty could help.

As the chemical weapons talks entered a three-month recess, he said progress was made this year "particularly on technical issues."

But long-standing "important political issues" remained unresolved, including provisions in a future treaty for monitoring compliance through on-site inspections, he said.

Yamada said January's 149-nation Paris conference on banning chemical weapons gave a political impetus to the Geneva talks, but he expressed "a sense of uneasiness that the momentum might be slipping out of our fingers."

"We must have a common perception of the political target of the timeframe of the negotiation," he told conference delegates after the latest 10-week session.

The United States, however, has made plain to Western allies it will not accept an "artificial deadline" at the conference, which has been debating a global convention banning production, stockpiling and use of chemical arms since 1968.

French envoy Pierre Morel, who chairs the conference's chemical arms negotiating committee, said the draft treaty was "sharply improved" this year, and that "the basics of the convention's technical infrastructure are now ready."

New draft provisions on protecting the confidentiality of private chemical plants were added to the currently 209-page treaty text, he said.

Progress was also made on rules for a proposed international inspectorate and on how different classes of toxic chemicals would be covered by the convention, he said.

Morel said recent separate US-Soviet talks on chemical weapons were "very useful."

Talks on the treaty are to resume Nov. 28, before the full conference reconvenes early next year.

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early general election which they have been pressing for since March.

"The answer is early general elections to give us a new Parliament. We do not recognise the legality of a house which does not reflect the true will of the people in the distribution of its seats," Kiratlioglu told Reuters.

Nationwide local elections last March slashed Ozal's 1987 power base of 36 per cent to

under 22 per cent. He has called for early elections, saying his mandate, based on a 65-seat majority in the 450-seat Parliament is valid until 1992.

An Iranian daily warned Turkey today against dealing with Israel and said "an alliance with Zionist regime could provoke serious dangers for Turkey," the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Parliament approves Rafsanjani's entire cabinet

NICOSIA, Aug. 29. (AP): Iran's Parliament today approved all 22 nominees to President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, described the vote of confidence by the 270-member for all the candidates as "unprecedented."

The vote came after Rafsanjani got a last-minute boost for his proposed cabinet today from radical Parliament

Speaker Mehdi Karrubi.

"I see Mr Rafsanjani's cabinet as a successful one and one that supports the deprived ... and whose members have worked hard for the revolution," Karrubi was quoted as saying by IRNA.

He told Majlis, on the third day of a debate on Rafsanjani's cabinet: "It is a cabinet that has experience, proficiency, competence and faith with full revolutionary credentials."

Karrubi's support was seen as

critical for Rafsanjani, 44, who was elected by a landslide vote July 28, after two days of debate in which some of his nominees have come in for severe criticism from radical deputies.

Karrubi, a hardline radical who has advocated the spread of Iran's Islamic revolution, is allied to Rafsanjani's rivals.

But he apparently has fallen in line with Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's spiritual leader, who last week urged parliamentary deputies to set aside

political and personal differences and approve Rafsanjani's cabinet to ensure a smooth transition from the outgoing government of Prime Minister Hussein Mussavi.

Khamenei was elected to succeed Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, who died June 3.

Karrubi succeeded Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, as speaker last month.

He cautioned that even if the nominated ministers won a vote of con-

fidence, they still faced stringent scrutiny by the house while in office.

"Our hands will not be tied if a minister gets the vote," he said in what was seen as a veiled warning to Rafsanjani that his policies will be closely monitored by the house, where radical factions have the edge.

The English language Tehran Times, which has supported Rafsanjani, identified the three in an editorial as Health Minister Iraj Fazel, Housing Minister Sarajeddin Kazerouni and Commerce

Minister Abdolhassan Vahaji.

But it stressed that "even if there is not going to be full endorsement of the entire cabinet ... it will not affect the future workings and efficiency of the executive arm of the government."

The radical Ahrar noted: "Considering the prevalent atmosphere in the Majlis, the speeches by deputies and the composition of the cabinet, it seems that most probably the majority of the nominees, with the exception of two or three, will receive votes of confidence."

GCC to act for peace in Gulf

RIYADH, Aug. 29. (AP): Foreign Ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council wrapped up a two-day meeting today with a decision to boost efforts for a lasting peace between Iran and Iraq.

In a joint statement, they also urged international action against Israeli repression of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and support for an independent Palestinian state.

They called on "all" parties involved with the Lebanese crisis — which implicitly meant Syria — to co-operate with the 3-member Arab League Committee trying to end Lebanon's bloody 14-year civil war.

The communique was issued by the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, who met in the Red Sea Port of Jeddah.

The meeting aimed at co-ordinating positions ahead of next week's Belgrade summit of the 101-nation non-aligned movement and also for upcoming UN General Assembly sessions in New York.

The 8-year Gulf war was halted by a UN-sponsored ceasefire Aug. 20, 1988 on the basis of Security Council Resolution 598, but UN-mediated talks for a peace treaty are currently deadlocked.

The communique said the GCC chairman would "intensify contacts with the UN secretary-general to bolster his efforts and affirm GCC backing in implementing Security Council Resolution 598," the communique said.

The foreign ministers pledged continued backing for the "heroic" resistance of the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories until a settlement is reached on the basis of the "right to self-determination and an independent state."

The communique called on the international community and the Security Council "to shoulder their responsibility and take the necessary deterrent measures to halt Israel's repressive measures that include destruction and confiscation of property, deportation, and violation of (human) rights."

On Lebanon, the foreign ministers said they backed the three-member Arab League Committee's report and asked "all parties concerned to remove the obstacles that confronted the committee, and to co-operate with it."

Seven burn to death

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political system, a pullout of Syrian troops followed by the departure of Israeli forces from a buffer zone in south Lebanon.

Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, spiritual leader of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, said the search for peace could be hit back if Pope John Paul visited Lebanon.

Fadlallah, who had earlier welcomed a papal visit, said: "The Pope's visit may have negative repercussions because it will be exploited by a party for its own interest."

The Sunshield was hit at 2.30 am (2330 GMT Monday), seven miles (11 kilometres) off the Christian-held Maamletein area (11 miles (18 kms) north of Beirut as it tried to sneak through the Syrian blockade under cover of darkness.

A police spokesman said the vessel took at least one direct hit from radar-controlled Syrian hovercrafts deployed along the seafloor in Beirut's Muslim western sector.

One of the survivors, Hana Siddiq, 24, told reporters at the Hotel Dieu Hospital in Christian East Beirut where he was being treated for severe burns that the Sunshield was hit by missiles fired by a Syrian gunboat that intercepted the tanker.

"The Syrian captain ordered us through a loudspeaker to identify ourselves and our cargo. Our captain did not reply," Siddiq said.

"All our crew were hiding behind sandbags placed on the bridge to protect us from Syrian shelling. The Syrian gunboat sailed away and then fired several missiles which hit the bridge, starting the fire," he added.

Police insisted that it was Syrian artillery fire from West Beirut, directed by Syrian radars in the mountains overlooking the coast, that hit the Sunshield.

"What probably happened is that the gunboat pulled away, as they usually do, leaving it to be hit by shellfire," the spokesman said.

A security source speculated the Christians sought to play up the attack on the Sunshield, blaming it on a Syrian gunboat, to reinforce their request for French naval protection for blockade runners.

Amal leader Nabih Berri said today the United States should help end Lebanon's 14-year civil war in order to solve the hostage crisis.

Sudan peace plan ready

Bashir-Saddam talks

BAGHDAD, Aug. 29. (Agencies): Chairman of Sudan's Revolutionary Command Council General Omar Hassan Al Bashir today announced that extensive moves will be made soon to bring peace in Sudan, Radio Baghdad said.

Bashir said several national and experienced personalities have participated in preparing the plan. It will be presented during the next round of negotiations with the rebel movement in south Sudan.

The military leader met last night with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein and discussed boosting bilateral ties, the situation in Sudan and Arab developments.

Bashir, who flew in unexpectedly yesterday, was received at the airport by Saddam and senior Iraqi officials.

Bashir, Sudanese diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the situation in Lebanon, where Iraq is supplying weapons to Christians fighting Syria and its Muslim allies, would also be one of the main topics of discussion.

The previous Sudanese government led by Sadek El Mahdi, overthrown in a bloodless army coup by Bashir June 30, maintained close relations with Baghdad.

Al Mahdi sent Sudanese troops to Iraq to fight the Iranians during the 8-year Gulf war. Fighting halted with a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire a year ago.

Sudan recalled its ambassador to Tehran Sunday in protest at a programme on Iran's state-controlled television network that allegedly defamed the Sudanese Army.

The first round of peace talks



Bashir

between the military government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army ended in failure earlier this month.

The rebels have been fighting since 1983 for greater autonomy for the south, whose population is mostly Christian and animist as well as for economic and administrative reforms.

Diplomats said Sudan had asked to join the ACC, which was formed in February, but Iraq vetoed that, saying Sudan had too many internal problems.

The United Nations said yesterday it moved more than 3,000 tonnes of food and medical aid to South Sudan in the past two weeks, bringing the total aid sent there since April to 88,000 tonnes.

An Iranian newspaper today criticised as "childish" Sudan's decision to recall its ambassador from Tehran.

Ministers resign to run in election

Jordanians vote Nov 8

AMMAN, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Three Jordanian government ministers have resigned to run for parliament in the kingdom's first general election in 22 years, an official said today.

The ministers stepping down are Deputy Prime Minister Taher Al Masi, Education Minister Abdullah Al Nsour and Public Works and Housing Minister Shafiq Al Zurawdeh.

The official said Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Bin Shaker had accepted the resignations, which took effect on Sept 1, but it was not clear how the vacant posts would be filled.

Former Royal Court Chief Dhonon Al Hindawi resigned earlier this month to comply with the rule that officials of ministerial rank must resign at least 40 days before standing for election.

Jordanians are due to go to the polls on Nov 8 to elect a lower house of parliament for the first time since 1967.

Turkey may lift death penalty

ANKARA, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Turkey is considering scrapping the death penalty for murder, but not for political crimes against the state, Justice Minister Oltan Sungurcu said today.

"The ministry is making studies to lift the death penalty for common crimes of murder. They may be given maximum life terms," Sungurcu told Reuters.

"But we have no plans to lift the death penalty for crimes against the state," he added.

No executions have taken place in Turkey since 1984 but about 220 prisoners are now on death row, awaiting a final parliamentary decision on their sentences, parliamentary sources said.

They include at least 137 political extremists or separate Kurdish rebels convicted of crimes against the state.

Judicial sources said Turkey, which has applied for full membership of the European Economic Community, would need to overhaul its 1926 penal code completely to align it with EEC standards.

Iranian opposition leader arrested in US for visa fraud

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 29. (AP): A senior Iranian opposition figure has been arrested in Los Angeles on a visa fraud charge, authorities said.

Aladdin Touran, a senior official of the People's Mojahadeen Organisation of Iran, was arrested Aug. 21 at Los Angeles International Airport by agents of the FBI, the State Department and other federal agencies.

FBI spokesman Fred Reagan said yesterday, Touran, a member of the Iranian opposition group's international relations depart-

ment, was wanted for allegedly entering the United States in August 1988 with a fraudulent visa at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., Reagan said.

The charge was contained in a complaint issued by the eastern district US attorney's office in Virginia.

A spokesman for the group condemned the arrest and said Touran is under a death sentence issued in absentia by the Iranian government.

Ali Reza Jafarzadeh contended Touran's

Fahd, Arafat discuss Mideast

RIYADH, Aug. 29. (AP): King Fahd, who visits Washington next month, met with PLO leader Yasser Arafat today for talks on advancing the Middle East peace process and bolstering the PLO's limping dialogue with the United States, diplomatic sources said.

Palestinian leaders complain that the eight-month-old dialogue was leading nowhere. Some charge that the United States was using it to promote Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's plan for limited self-rule in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The PLO has said it will accept that plan only as part of a comprehensive settlement.

They demand that it include an Israeli withdrawal and the eventual establishment of an independent Palestinian state in an area roughly encompassing the West Bank and Gaza.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fahd was expected to press the United States to elevate the level of the talks between the US Ambassador to Tunisia Robert Pelletreau, and senior PLO figures.

The official Saudi Press Agency reported the meeting in the Saudi summer capital of Jeddah, but gave no details.

The sources said Arafat briefed Fahd on the PLO's efforts to convene an international peace conference.

The PLO, backed by the Arab states, insists that a conference held under United Nations auspices is the only venue for Arab-Israeli peace talks. Israel, and to lesser extent the United States, oppose such a conference.

Fahd, one of America's closest Arab allies, is scheduled to visit the United States Sept 14, a few days ahead of a UN General Assembly session which Arafat reportedly wants to address.

The diplomatic sources said Fahd was expected to press the United States to grant Arafat a visa so he can attend the UN session.

The two leaders also discussed ways of bolstering the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-held West Bank and Gaza, the sources reported.

Arafat arrived in Jeddah late yesterday and was met at the airport by Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah and the Defence Minister, Prince Sultan.

The two princes attended the talks that began late yesterday and ended early today at Jeddah's Al Hamra guest palace, where the Palestinian leader was also feted at a banquet.

Fahd was quoted as pledging at a weekly cabinet session last night before meeting Arafat to work for "peace throughout the Arab region and for the victory of the Arab and Islamic causes on all levels."

The PLO spokesman in Washington said yesterday Arafat was considering seeking US permission to address the United Nations in September or November.

But the White House and the State Department said they were not aware of any visa application by Arafat and declined to say whether he would be allowed to enter the United States to address the world body.

The State Department said that it would oppose membership for the PLO in the inter-governmental World Tourism Organisation.

Arafat will pay an official visit to Japan next October for talks with Japanese leaders, government sources in Tokyo said today. The Israeli foreign minister is also likely to visit this year.

Paris-Baghdad relations stable: Aziz

PARIS, Aug. 29. (KUNA): Iraq is prepared to sign a peace treaty with Iran, but the latter is dragging its feet and waiting for conditions which would enable it to resume its war with Iraq, according to Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

In an interview appearing in the September edition of the monthly magazine "Arabica," the Iraqi official said: "If Iran's President (Hashemi) Rafsanjani decided one day to set up a real, global and permanent peace, we would be the first to applaud and fully co-operate with him to achieve that aim."

Aziz insisted on the fact that peace with Iran,

leading to stability in the region, should be guaranteed by the United Nations "so that any future resumption of hostilities be considered as an attack on international will and not a just 'incomprehensible' conflict between two neighbouring countries."

Talking about Lebanon, the Iraqi official noted that Lebanon was facing destruction and that was a "threat for Iraq, Jordan, Sudan, and as a matter of fact for all Arab countries where different communities co-exist."

He expressed his belief that Arab countries ought to send forces to Lebanon to help the Lebanese start a dialogue among themselves.

Then would come the meeting of the Parliament and the election of a president, he added.

On Franco-Iraqi relations, Aziz observed that they were "in general stable" and were meant to develop further.

But he pointed out that there were now some "technical" problems between French and Iraqi economic organisations.

According to him, some circles in France were taking advantage of the financial disputes to undermine relations between Baghdad and Paris.

Palestinian activist shot dead in Gaza

Violent demonstrations sparked

GAZA, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Israeli troops shot dead a senior Arab activist of the Palestinian uprising in central Gaza city today, witnesses said.

The man, Ismail Ibrahim Abu Jayad of Deir Al Balah refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip, was the leader of the outlawed Shabiba youth movement of the Fatah nationalist movement at Gaza's Islamic University, relatives said.

Military sources said Abu Jayad, 27, was involved in a clash between troops and stone-throwing Palestinians.

News of Abu Jayad's death sparked violent demonstrations in several parts of Gaza. By mid-afternoon, hospitals reported at least seven Palestinians were wounded in clashes in Khan Younis and Gaza city.

Fifteen Palestinians have died in the last 10 days in a surge of violence following pledges by the uprising's underground leaders to intensify the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

At least 617 Arabs and 40 Jews have been killed since the uprising erupted in December 1987.

Palestinians in the Gaza Strip say they are prepared to eat weeds rather than work in Israel if leaders of their uprising extend a boycott of new identity cards issued by the occupation authorities.

But underground leaders of the 20-month-old revolt seem unsure how much longer they can pursue the tug-of-war with Israel at the risk of starving their own people.

Eleven days after PLO-backed organisers ordered Gazans to stay home in protest at new magnetised cards granting selective entry to Israel, most of the 60,000 workers who normally travel to the Jewish state are still on strike.

Clashes have been severe in the Gaza Strip since Aug 18 when Palestinians were forced to produce new magnetic identity cards to enter Israel. Uprising leaders responded by ordering a boycott of work in the Jewish state.

"Many of the workers are now at home with nothing to do and are joining in the violence," a Palestinian activist said.

The Army said it was investigating allegations that soldiers grabbed a 12-year-old Palestinian boy off the street in the West Bank city of Nablus and burned his neck and shoulder with cigarettes.

Zahi Nuwaisir told Reuters his son Roberto was snatched by soldiers early yesterday while he was on his way to a relative's house in his pyjamas.

He said a worker from his factory found Roberto around noon on the outskirts of Nablus. The boy said soldiers stabbed out cigarettes on his body, then rolled him down a hill.

Hamid Al Gabid, Secretary General of the Organisation of Islamic Conference today urged the UN secretary general and the five permanent Security Council members to pressure Israel to stop expulsions.



A Palestinian youth throws a large rock at a car today when police broke up a memorial march. (Reuters wirephoto)



Police arrested a Palestinian when he displayed a Palestinian flag. (Reuters wirephoto)

Arabs seek UN meeting

Call to deplore Israeli deportation

UNITED NATIONS, Aug. 29. (Agencies): The Arab group of states decided yesterday to call for an urgent Security Council meeting to deplore Israel's deportation of five Palestinians from the occupied territories over the weekend, Arab sources said.

They said the decision was taken at a close-door meeting of the Arab group, whose chairman this month is Palestine, as the PLO's delegation is known at the United Nations.

The council, already due to meet today to consider a resolution criticising South Africa for allegedly trying to modify plans for Namibian independence,

could take up the Arab request on Wednesday, the sources said.

Israel on Sunday deported four Palestinians to Lebanon and another to France as alleged leaders of the 20-month-old uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This brought to 58 the number of Palestinians expelled since the start of the uprising.

The Security Council has already adopted several resolutions critical of previous expulsions as a violation of the fourth Geneva convention on the treatment of civilians in time of war and calling on Israel to allow the deportees to return to their homes.

In Paris, Palestinian physicist Tayseer Arouri has denied accusations by the Israeli government that he is the representative of the Communist Party inside the clandestine organisation of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

The United States, which

Missing boat

Search on

ELEVEN persons lost at sea in a 16 foot boat have been the focus of an intensive search by the Coast Guards Department, according to a local daily.

The distress call received Monday was immediately actioned. However, strong winds and very choppy seas hindered the search operations and the assistance of Kuwait's Air Force was requested. The concerted efforts proved successful when it was learnt that five persons from amongst the eleven lost at sea had been saved by a fishing boat.

Ports show increase in transit trade

Container station well equipped

THERE has been an increase in transit trading through Kuwaiti ports since the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, according to the director of container stations at Shuaiba Port Adel Mohammed.

He pointed out that 4,229 containers were imported by Kuwait during 1987 which increased to 5,211 containers in 1988. He further added the numbers of

containers imported showed a marked increase of seven per cent during the first half of 1989 as compared to the same period last year.

The main storage area for containers at the station is now 310,000 square metres which has the capacity for 7,000 containers, the official said. 120 container ships were received at Shuaiba

port in 1987 while 144 ships berthed in 1988 he added.

Mohammed pointed out that the container station at Shuaiba Port started work in 1982 and that the equipment can carry containers that reach 41 tonnes weight. The station is also well equipped for handling activities.

The Public Ports Authority has two

stores for container goods. Each is built on an area of 7,000 square metres. Mohammed said that a customs inspection centre was opened at Shuaiba Port by the General Customs Authority. The Municipality has its own inspection centre to check foodstuffs, while the Ministry of Information has a special centre to inspect imported publications. The Ins-

pection Centre can also handle 32 trucks at any given time.

Mohammed said that the Public Ports Authority is continually developing its utilities and services and aims to attract qualified Kuwaiti cadres to work and run its vital utilities. He further added that computers are now used in all the activities of the container station.

Private companies are profit motivated: union

Labourers treated like sheep

Many contractors and subcontractors in an illegal manner deprive labourers of their legitimate dues with the sole intention of amassing huge monetary profits.

In many previous incidents labourers were deprived of their rights, fees, and security and safety requirements. A part of the responsibility for these labourers' plight rests on the shoulders of official authorities at concerned government departments who are entrusted to protect labourers' interests. The slow response of officials towards such unfair practices of private companies has compounded the problem by encouraging more companies to act similarly.

"Al Amel Magazine," published by Kuwait Labourers Union conducted a survey on labourers connected to the safety of labourers and the civilised and humane features of Kuwaiti society. The magazine indicated that such illegal practices have become quite common among private sector companies in order to achieve higher illegal profits. One common phenomenon, which will be the issue of this survey is labourer transportation in uncovered or steel covered pick ups.

Profitable
Obviously, this method of transporting labourers is highly profitable to private sector companies and contractors. Such trucks are quite often used as cheap group transportation method and simultaneously used for carrying equipment or goods.

Officials at the General Traffic Department believe that such method of labour transportation is dangerous and may lead to accidents in case of emergency. Additionally, this type of transportation is dangerous to health because of the hot weather which may reach up to 60 degrees Celsius in the summer months. Such group transportation could also be fatal to an overburdened labourer.

The magazine interviewed a number of labourers to highlight this important and vital issue. One of them, Omar, an Egyptian, working in Kuwait as a construction labourer at one of the local companies described the method of transportation with pick ups approved by private sector contractors and companies as inhumane and impracticable adding that it is not a humane method because it is used to trans-



Cheap group transportation... illegal, injurious and inhumane.

sport livestock.

More often than not, labourers are transferred to project locations along with tools, lumber and equipment. Additionally, the labourer indicated that most labourers transported by this method suffer acute skin injuries particularly on the limbs because of the hot temperature.

He said that covered and uncovered pick ups used for transportation are like ovens during summer and workers are dehydrated by the time they reach the work-site. He pointed out that this mode of transportation becomes even more unbearable when riding unpaved roads in addition to the fact that it is also harmful during transportation along unlevelled roads.

Mohammed stated that companies aim at using this method to achieve high profits as the same trucks will be used for different purposes. He suggested that companies should be prevented from using this method of transport and should they persist, they should be deprived of their licences. He added that driving licences pose a problem to almost all labourers as regulations to obtain one are herculean. He indicated that if labourers are granted their own driving licences they will have their own transportation and the problem will be resolved.

He added that companies

should be compelled to use air-conditioned buses for group transportation. Mohamed commented that it is hard for labourers to raise any objections about their employers because they are often threatened with discharge from work.

Mohammed Hanafi, working as a master steel construction labourer with contractors said that he suffers from burns because of hot steel while working and that it is unbearable to sit inside a pick up during summer. He said that transporting labourers by pick ups in Kuwait is an inhumane method because of the weather. He indicated that despite the suffering caused by this transportation method some companies in Kuwait deduct transportation fees from labourers' salaries.

Ahmad Abdul Raheem working as a carpenter at one of the local contracting companies said that group transportation by pick ups is very difficult for labourers due to the hot Kuwait weather in summer. He believes that it is a very dangerous transportation method and at the same time it smears Kuwait's reputation.

Capabilities
Ahmad said that labourers should be able to obtain their own driving licences to avoid this problem.

Mohammed Mohammed a carpenter at one of the contracting companies in Kuwait said that in general the group trans-

portation method for labourers is not bad due to the fact that it is used by most companies. He said that labourers may find it hard to object to this method because it is the only way to reach work, particularly if labourers were forced to use other transportation methods to go to their work like the public transportation buses which cost a lot compared to the salaries they get. He indicated that he accepts this method because it is better than nothing.

Thiyab Mohammed working as a sub-contractor in the private sector since 1975 said that all company labourers are transported by pick ups. He added that some companies would rather use other transportation methods due to their better financial capabilities. He pointed out that police patrols have stopped them several times because of overloading trucks with labourers.

Thiyab knows that the traffic law prohibits transporting labourers by this method but, other companies may obtain permission from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to transport labourers in their private pick ups.

Another contractor, Abdul Aleem Mahmoud insisted that pick up transportation has no problems and is a very respectable method. He indicated that transporting labourers by pick up cost the company KD80 per month. He refused to comment on labourers' complaints.

Education accessories exhibition opens today

KUWAIT International Fair Company will hold the opening of Kuwait's Fifth Exhibition for Educational Requirements at the special hall at the International Fairgrounds tomorrow morning at 10.00 am. The opening which will be patronised by the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari will be attended by senior employees and officials at the Ministry of Education, diplomatic corps, officials, and a number of commercial agents in Kuwait. Invitations for the opening were also sent to companies and establishments owners working in this field.

Display
The Educational Requirements Exhibition is being held for the fifth consecutive time. Companies and commercial establishments working in the commerce and importation of educational requirements are speedily acting to reserve a place at the specified hall for the exhibition. An official at the Kuwait International Fair Company indicated that the exhibition represents a good opportunity for commercial establishments and companies to display their products in this field.

He added that 33 specialised companies and establishments will participate at the exhibition which is scheduled to last until Sept 8, 1989. Visitors timings are from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm and from 4:30 pm until 9:00 pm daily.

Naser issues new inspection resolutions

THE Minister of Social Affairs and Labour Sheikh Naser Mohammed Al Ahmad Al Sabah has issued a resolution accrediting the Kuwait Union of Vegetables and Fruits Importers as from July 22, 1989. He also issued another resolution which stipulates criteria for estimating the numbers of workers required for activities and projects of businessmen in the private sector.

The resolution stipulates that activity or project of businessmen should be registered at the Labour Department and these businesses should have the licences from the relevant authorities. One of the stipulations, amongst others to ensure stability and continuation of the activity or project is that such businesses can be inspected by inspectors of the Labour Departments. The resolution provided for the compatibility of qualifications or professions of the required manpower with the licenced activity or project.



Somali minister visits naval base

Defence Minister of Somalia Dr Hussein Sheikh Abdul Rahman, and the accompanying delegation, currently visiting here, inspected the naval base yesterday.

In the course of his tour of the base, during which he was accompanied by deputy of the army's Chief of Staff Brigadier Jassim Shehab, the visiting Somali minister received a thorough briefing on activities, gunboats and technical workshops in the base.

On arrival at the base, the Somali official was received by Acting Commander of the Naval Force, Col. Gais Al Saleh and other senior officers.

Taken gifts were exchanged at the end of the visit.

Planning Ministry report

Commodity prices up

PRICES of a number of main commodities sharply rose during this year, a statistical report said yesterday. The report published by the Central Statistical Office of the Planning Ministry said that prices of children's ready garments increased by 22.1 per cent in March this year, compared to March last year, while men's and women's garments rose by 4.6 per cent and 6.1 per cent respectively during the same period, while men's and women's textiles increased by 11.5 and 14.1 per cent respectively also during the same period. The report said that the consumer's price index increased in March 1989 to 130.7 points from the 100 points of the base year in 1978. This showed a 0.4 per cent increase from the previous month and a 3.1 per cent increase from the same month of 1988.

Food
The report added that the price index of the main group of consumption commodities, the foodstuffs, increased in March this year by 0.4 per cent compared to the previous month. This was attributed to the increase of prices of grains, bread, meat, fish, milk, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and other foodstuffs by 0.7, 0.9, 3.5, 3.8, 3.8, 0.6, 0.4 and 0.4 per cent respectively, coupled by a drop in the prices of fresh chicken, eggs, dry fruits, dry vegetables, tea and coffee by 6.4, 5.6, 3.6, 0.2 and 0.8 per cent respectively.

Prices of soft drinks and cigarettes remained stable and showed no increase and decrease in March compared to the previous month. Clothes and shoes index rose by 1.5 per cent in March compared to the previous month of this year. This was mainly attributed to an increase in the price of ready garments, cost of tailoring and shoes by 2.2, 1.7 and 0.4 per cent in March compared to February. The price index of house commodities and utilities dropped slightly by 0.6 per cent in March compared to February of 1989. It was mainly attributed to a 6.6 per cent drop in the prices of furniture in one month. The price index of transportation services also increased by 0.5 per cent in one

month mainly due to a 0.9 per cent increase in the private transportation means. Medical services also increased by 2.4 per cent in the same month due to an 8.8 per cent increase in the costs of hospitals services. Prices of educational services also increased by 0.2 per cent due to an 0.8 per cent increase in the prices of books and stationery.

Entertainment
The report added that the prices of entertainment services increased by 5.2 per cent during March while the price of personal services also shot by 1 per cent. The report added that it was noticed that the prices of long-life commodities increased while the prices of short-life ones dropped.

About the movement of the prices of various commodities whether in comparison to March last year or February this year, the report said that the prices of fresh meat and frozen meat increased by 1 and 7.8 per cent respectively in March this year compared to March 1988. It added that also the prices of frozen chicken increased by 1.6 per cent during the same period, while its prices increased by 2.4 per cent compared to February this year. Prices of fresh chicken increased by 6.4 per cent compared to February and 5.5 per cent compared to March last year. Milk prices also increased by 8.6 per cent in one year and 3.8 per cent in one month. While cheese prices increased by 6.2 per cent in one year.

The report added that the prices of tomatoes and onions witnessed most of the fluctuations in their prices. In March this year tomato prices increased by 19.3 per cent compared to March last year and 11.2 per cent compared to February this year. Onion prices increased more by 27.3 per cent in a year and 24.5 per cent in one month. Eggplant prices also were up by 20.2 per cent in one year and 14.1 per cent in one month. The report said that the price of sugar was up by 19 per cent in a year period and most of the hike took place between December last year and February this year. It added that auto spare parts also saw increased prices by 21.3 per cent in one year.

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Civil aviation

Round-the-clock weather reports

THE Civil Aviation Department in Kuwait has provided huge utilities and special equipment to serve different authorities in the government. A large number of youth are working round-the-clock to serve the needs of establishments which may require accurate information on weather conditions in addition to recording information from different countries related to incoming and outgoing flights.

To shed more light on the Civil Aviation Department, a local daily interviewed the controller of the Weather Forecasting Department at the Meteorology Department Riyadh Al Sane, who said that temperature forecasting is conducted through metal temperature gauges of other instruments which are mounted inside a wooden container, 120 centimetres above ground level. The place the container is located should comply to international standards so it will not be imposed to direct sun waves or reflections, he indicated.

Forecasts
Sane pointed out that temperature forecasts given to the public all around the world are atmospheric temperatures and not ground surface readings.

Forecasting depends on the nature of work of the Meteorological station. Meteorological stations attached to aviation for example should provide a weather forecast every half hour throughout the day at Kuwait Airport.

Sane pointed out that during summer Kuwait has a minimum average temperature of 25 degree Celsius and a maximum average of 45 degrees. The maximum may exceed the average during some days and gave an example where temperatures reached 51.5 degrees Celsius at Wafra Meteorological Station on June 13, 1989. Regarding winter months, Sane said that temperatures may range from eight to a minimum average up to 25 degrees as a maximum average. He pointed out that the minimum recorded in Kuwait was on Jan 20, 1984 at Al Omariya, Meteorological station at -6 degrees centigrade.

Sane said that the Meteorological Stations provide services to many authorities. The service is also provided to other private establishments through mail or through telephone calls. Kuwait Meteorological Stations benefit from pictures sent by satellite which reveals location of clouds while moving in a rotating direction.

Arab investments in Egypt guaranteed, says Saqer

Amir-Mubarak talks important to Arab causes

THE current visit of HH the Amir to Egypt is an event of historic magnitude on the Arab and Islamic levels, Abdul Aziz Al Saqer, Chairman of Kuwait's Chamber of Commerce and Industry said. He added that the outcome of the formal talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak are of paramount importance to the main Arab causes — namely, the Palestinian cause, the Lebanese crisis, and the peace settlement in the Arab Gulf area (Iraq-Iran war).

Saqer who is paying an official visit to Egypt said that he recommends investing Arab capital in Egypt and in

the Arab world and added: "Arabs are quite capable of confronting economic and political challenges if they set their minds to it with a united will."

He went on to state that Egyptian encouragement in this respect is a typical example of such co-operative pragmatism. Egypt, legislatively guarantees investment of Arab capital by prohibiting confiscating or nationalising these investments. The official added that some Arab countries like Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco have amended their legislations to encourage Arab investors to invest in their countries.

Reiterating his opinion on the issue of investing Arab capital in Arab countries, Saqer stressed: "Arab capitals invested in Arab domains are for more logical than investing them in the West — even if profits on investments are lesser when considered from an issue of long-term security. Political and economic stability are pivotal to any large scale investment, the official said and added that these are readily demonstrable in Arab countries.

In practical terms, this can be viewed from the Kuwaiti financial aid and investments to Egypt and Egyptian technical expertise for Kuwait. Fur-

ther, Kuwait offered contribution to bolster the Cairo-based Organisation Arab Industrialisation.

Commenting on the problems faced by Kuwaiti investors in Egypt which were discussed during the conference he chaired in Cairo in 1987, Saqer said that there were three problems discussed during the conference:

Transfer of profits and capital out of Egypt and exchange levels of currencies. These problems no longer exist after establishing of the free market in Egypt and unifying the prices of currency. Registration and transfer procedures

of real estate. This issue was also settled when the Egyptian government issued a law organising the ownership by Arabs in Egypt. Bureaucracy that hinders investment in Egypt and the hindrance to free movement of capital. To redress this problem, Egypt has issued a new law related to unifying investments by which investors now deal only with the Investment Authority.

Exchange

The Union of Arab Chambers of Commerce have played an important role in encouraging Arab investors to invest their funds in Egypt and other

Arab countries. The union at a very early stage called for establishing the Arab Common Market and also called for establishing an authority to secure Arab investments. The union also called for carrying out an Arab joint industrial project. A number of projects carried out now play an active role in developing and increasing the Arab commercial exchange. The Arab joint banks finance several joint projects in some Arab countries, Saqer said.

Commercial exchange among Arab countries is limited when compared to Arab trade with other world countries.

Large imports of food commodities are also detrimental from the security point of view. Arabs possess the capital, raw materials, experienced manpower and ready markets and should mobilise these resources if dangerous consequences are to be avoided in the future, Saqer said. He queried as to the reasons for unemployment with all these capabilities at the disposal of the Arab world.

Concluding, the official said that the Union of Arab Chambers will hold its coming session in November this year in the UAE at which time all these issues will be discussed.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Kharoubi leaves

KUWAIT, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Member of the Libyan Revolutionary Command Council and General Inspector of Libya Armed Forces Colonel Mustafa Al Kharoubi left here today after a brief visit to the country.

Kharoubi conveyed a message to HH the Amir from Libyan leader, Moammar, Khaddafi, during a meeting held immediately on his arrival with HH Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah.

Kharoubi also met with Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

The two meetings were attended by Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah.

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, Aug. 29, (KUNA): HH the Deputy Amir and Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah today received at his diwan, at Bayan Palace the Acting Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed.

HH also received Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah, Director-General of Civil Aviation Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Abdalla, Kuwait's Ambassador to Sudan Dr Abdalla Al Saye and Kuwaiti Ambassador to Spain Jasssem Al Sabah.

Korean envoy

KUWAIT, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Minister of Electricity and Water Dr Hmoud Al Rqobah today received South Korea's new ambassador to Kuwait.

Rqobah and the Korean diplomat discussed joint issues of mutual concern and co-operation between the two countries.

GCC meeting

JEDDAH, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Foreign Ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) yesterday ended their second working session presided over by Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohamed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa.

Sheikh Mohamed said they discussed reports on economic and cultural spheres prepared by the GCC's specialised committees.

He added that recommendations reached by those committees would be submitted to the preparatory meeting for the upcoming summit conference of the GCC.

Power load

AN official source at the Ministry of Electricity and Water has said that the maximum electrical load recorded last Tuesday Aug 22 was 4,150 mega Watt, and that the gross compound power capacity is 7,500 mega Watt.

The acting undersecretary Mahmood Yaqoub Saqer said that the emergency office set up by the ministry in Wafra on Aug 26 operated on a round-the-clock basis and had special emergency squads that deal with all sorts of emergencies.

He added that the office is fully equipped with all needed facilities and the operating staff could fix any failure caused by the electrical cables in the area.

Illegal practice

THE Kuwait Central Bank Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah has said that the bank only supervised the dealings and operations of the money-exchange companies registered with it. However, it has of late come to know that certain unregistered companies are accepting deposits and selling currencies at the local market, in violation of their authorised line of practice.

He told a local daily that since these companies fell out of the bank's scope of control, the bank could not revoke their licences or order them closed, consequently a list of all these companies has been prepared for submission with recommendations for suitable action to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry being the authority in charge of these companies.

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people to our sister Egypt."

He added that the centre, covering 504,000 sq. metres, manifests the fraternity and solidarity between the Muslim people of Kuwait and Egypt.

Saqer stressed that the centre "is a token of our appreciation to your (Egyptian) struggle and sacrifice" in support of Arab causes.

He pointed out that the centre owes its existence to backing of the Amir, HH Crown Prince and Premier and the Kuwaiti government.

The centre would serve as a school for Muslim youth all over the world, accommodating 1,800 students from kindergarten to high school level.

The centre also features a mosque that can accommodate 1,300 worshippers, in addition to an upper floor for female faithfuls.

Other facilities at the centre include a clinic, dormitories, restaurants, a football stadium and other sports buildings.

The centre, where schooling starts in the year 1990-91, also features a printing house, television station and radio studio. Later in the day, the Amir escorted by Mubarak toured the head offices of the Suez Canal Authority in Ismailia and familiarised himself with modernisation projects there.

On their way back to Cairo, the two Arab leaders visited a textiles factory in the city of Ashkir of Ramadan.

Fifteen Kuwaiti and Egyptian journalists and photographers were wounded slightly when their mini-bus overturned several times while they were covering the daytrip of Mubarak and the Amir in the Suez Canal zone.

An official at the government's press centre said all 15 had been treated in hospital for light wounds and released.

The official, who declined to be named, identified the four injured persons from Kuwait as Mohammed Al Mahameed, Ali Abdul Ghafar and Faysal Al Khalaf of Kuwait's state television and Saad Hindawi, an Egyptian photographer working for the daily Al Rai Al Aam.

The Middle East News Agency said the mini-bus overturned several times along the Cairo-Ismailia highway after one of its tyres burst.

The Amir today met with the Kuwaiti community in Cairo at the residence of Kuwaiti Ambassador Abdul Razzaq Al Kandari.

The Kuwaiti leader was welcomed upon arrival at the ambassador's residence by a large number of Kuwaitis vacationing in Cairo who sang patriotic songs.

The Amir also met Kuwaiti students studying at Egyptian universities, colleges and military academies who awarded the Amir a memorial shield on the occasion of his visit to Cairo.

The students thanked the Amir for his patronage of Kuwaiti students abroad.



HH the Amir Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak cut the ribbon to inaugurate the Islamic Educational Centre in Ismailia yesterday. Kuwait helped found the institute to spread Islamic culture among children of different nationalities and (right) HH the Amir planting a date palm on the first day of his visit to Egypt.



Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and HH the Amir are seen here entering the Kubbar Presidential palace in Cairo and (right) the two leaders are given a bouquet of flowers each at the welcoming ceremony for HH the Amir.



BAHRAIN DIGEST

Hundi deals still rampant

REMITTANCE of funds through illegal channels by large numbers of expatriate workers in the Gulf to their home countries has been in existence for a long time now. It is an 'open secret' that this practice has been in operation ever since the first expatriates in modern times stepped onto these shores. This highly lucrative and clandestine operation is conducted by unscrupulous and shrewd group of individuals who are often connected with criminal organisations in the home country that deal with other illegal activities and crimes on a large scale. Sending money illegally is just one mode of operation of such con-men.

In the Gulf because of the existence of a large number of expatriate workers primarily from the Indian sub-continent, there is an increasingly growing market for illegal remittance of funds. In view of the extremely discreet nature of the operation it is quite difficult, although not impossible, to apprehend the parties involved. Dealers in this market are 'invisible operators' who conduct the business in a secret rendezvous within minutes. They may camouflage their activities by holding regular jobs. In recent times the government of Bahrain has voiced concern about such operations. Official measures to curb or eradicate this practice has not been successful because of the difficulty of detecting the criminals and lack of concrete evidence.

Bulk

Mesbahul Alam, an exchange dealer from Bangladesh, explained to the Arab Times in Bahrain about this practice of illegal remittances.

According to him as much as 80 per cent of workers from the Indian sub-continent are engaged in sending money to their respective home countries through illegal channels. Considering that the bulk of these people are illiterate labourers they fall easy prey to the temptations offered by the dealers.

The dealers generally offer considerably more money than the official rate of exchange for a particular sum of rupees or takas. The prospect of getting that extra sum is looked upon favourably and entices the poor worker to this modus operandi.

"The practice is quite simple really. The worker pays the dealer in the currency of the Gulf country in cash the amount he would like to send home. In return he gets a 'receipt' which may be just a piece of paper with the signature of both the dealer and payer and the amount involved. Subsequently the dealer informs his 'representative' back home by letter or other mode of communication to remit the said amount in local currency, inclusive of the bargain amount, to the workers' family anywhere in the country of domicile. It is a very smooth and quick operation," explained Alam.

Modus operandi

Meanwhile, the amount given to the dealer in the Gulf currency may be either sent home later or 'invested' in other business operations.

According to Alam, generally the worker is guaranteed that his money will reach home. This is true particularly if a worker engages a dealer over a long period. Mutual trust is assured in most cases. There are many terms applied to this kind of operation. In the Indian sub-continent the term commonly applied to this sort of transactions is 'Hundi'. Hundi is not only used by the poor workers but also by executives and the professional class as well. Affluent businessmen may also be involved in this operation when the sum can run into millions.

Skill sharpening

Science city project plan

MINISTER of Communications and Board Chairman of the Science Club, Abdullah Al Sharhan speaking to a local daily said that the care, patronage and financial support extended by HH the Amir and the concern of HH the Crown Prince and the government represented by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has greatly benefitted and enhanced the support of the Science Club. He praised efforts to the public and volunteers for their support to the club.

He stated the objective for establishing the Science Club is to build an advanced generation supported by knowledge and experience by providing it with all scientific hobbies imparted in a simple frame under the supervision of specialists. He added that the club aims at patronising scientific activities and utilising an adequate atmosphere for club members.

At the club, members are taught fundamentals for accuracy in addition to organising their thoughts. The club then tries to sharpen their talents by giving them fundamental skills during which a member will complete enhancing his/her talents after finishing three courses at the club.

Sharhan indicated that inventions of the club are treated confidentially and scientific establishments are contacted to find out whether a similar invention exists. If the invention is original and not identical it will be registered at the establishment under the club's title.

He added that foreign trips organised for club members have positive impact. He added that the club's administration is currently studying a project

for the establishment of a comprehensive scientific city which will include all scientific branches for members.

The city will be provided with equipped laboratories and workshops at 14 buildings. It will include the girls club, the younger scientists club, a headquarter for government authorities, the current science club building, the administration building, a headquarter for scientific associations, a rest area, a restaurant, a showroom to display discoveries and inventions, a permanent showroom, companies showroom, the younger scientists bank, an astronomy centre, and workshops.

On the other hand, the club's general secretary, Dawood Sulaiman said that the club's general plan is divided into three stages, the younger scientists stage with ages ranging between 5-13-years-old, the general activity stage for above 14-years-old members and the higher researches stage for members who completed the three courses required by the club, graduates and professionals, at this last stage members should be 18-years-old or above.

Sulaiman added that the Science Club is able to build many ties with ministries and establishments like the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Awqaf, and the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

He added that the Kuwait Foundation for Scientific Advancement supported the clubs budget to some activities at the same time Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research participated in some scientific research at the club by giving advice and technical assistance.

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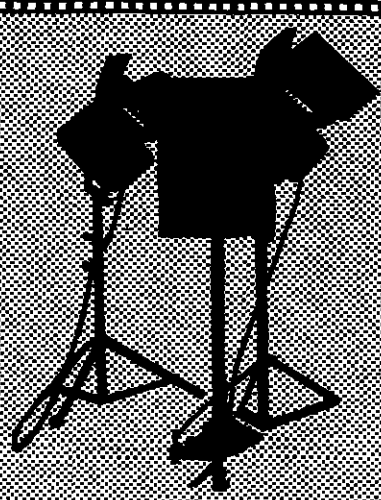
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THE rotten apple spoils his companion — Benjamin Franklin, US statesman (1706-1790).

S. Africa splits over Assembly

Call to boycott polls

FOR South Africa's Indian and mixed-race coloured communities, the main decision in September's general election is not the choice of candidates but whether to vote at all.

Since 1984 they have had their own chamber in a complex, racially-segregated Parliament barely understood by most South Africans and reviled by leftists for excluding the country's 26 million black majority.

Most voters boycotted polls that year to elect the coloured House of Representatives and Indian House of Delegates, whose limited powers were crafted so they could never force change on the more senior White House of Assembly.

This year the boycott call has gone out again from anti-apartheid organisations involved in a campaign of mass defiance against Pretoria's race laws.

Supporters of the system say they can push through political change from within. Opponents accuse coloured and Indian legislators of selling out.

And as the white government edges towards negotiation with black leaders, many people say the days of the so-called tricameral (three chambers) system are numbered.

"As far as we're concerned, this is the last tricameral election," said Peter Hendrickse, a Member of Parliament for the coloured Labour party.

"Even the Nats (the ruling white National Party) are talking about a new constitution."

The government has already published a draft bill setting out vague proposals to extend black voting rights beyond their current franchise, which is limited to municipal polls.

Hendrickse said his party decided in 1984 to participate in the coloured chamber for a trial period of five years, to see if it could make progress towards ending apartheid and improving life for the mainly poor coloured community.

Now it says it will stand for one more term, citing success in boosting pensions, housing and schools — areas where each non-white chamber holds separate portfolios for its own race.

"In terms of the bread and butter issues we have definitely been able to affect the socio-economic position of the voters we represent," he said. "It's fine to talk about ending the state of emergency, but some people can't even get water."

Hendrickse's clergyman father Allan, who leads the Labour Party, has vowed to wash his hands of participatory politics if apartheid is not dead in five years.

Labour, which has a huge majority in the House of Representatives, says it has helped end dozens of discriminatory laws during its first term.

"Our participation has also helped white voters to acclimatise to the idea of having people of colour in the government," Hendrickse added.

Changes in the national status quo must be approved by all three houses, so Indian and coloured Members of Parliament cannot force reforms on an unwilling white chamber. If consensus is not reached, the matter goes to the overwhelmingly white President's Council.

The Indian chamber has 45 seats and the coloured house 85, compared with 178 in the white chamber.

Ironically, it was the coloured house that forced former President P.W. Botha to the polls this year by vetoing his attempt to postpone the election until 1992 through constitutional changes.

Opponents of the tricameral system say Indian and coloured MPs have no popular mandate nor any real power, and have been co-opted into implementing apartheid.

"These elections are a sideshow," said Farook Meer, secretary of the anti-apartheid Natal Indian Congress which fiercely opposes segregated chambers.

"These houses have no support at all in the community — they're totally irrelevant."

Meer said he thought the system would fold within two years as political and economic pressure at home and abroad forced the white government to the wider negotiating table.

But Hendrickse said he had no quarrel with activists who shun Parliament and accuse him of opportunism.

"Our struggle has to be a complementary one rather than spending our energy fighting each other," he said.

(Reuters Johannesburg)

PRESS NEWS

The Soviet Union would play a major role in current international efforts aimed at bringing an end to the Lebanese crisis, the economic daily *Le Eshar* wrote in its Tuesday edition.

The daily noted that Soviet Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Gennady Tarasov, arrived in Baghdad Monday on the fourth leg of a Middle Eastern tour which had already taken him to Syria, Lebanon and Jordan.

Moscow, the paper said, "which has good relations" with Damascus and Baghdad, "can play a considerable role in the efforts exerted now to restore peace in Lebanon and invite the parties to resume talks."

The daily said, "It is to (French) President Mitterrand's credit to have understood it at the beginning of the summer and to have multiplied approaches towards (Soviet leader) Mikhail Gorbachev and his entourage." (KUNA)

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 30 BC — Cleopatra of Egypt commits suicide by letting asp bite her.
- 1526 — Suleiman I, Sultan of Turkey, defeats Hungarian Army at Battle of Mohacs, at which Louis II of Hungary is killed.
- 1528 — French Army capitulates at Aversa and subsequently is expelled from Naples and Genoa in Italy.
- 1645 — Dutch and American Indians make treaty of peace at new Amsterdam, New York.
- 1895 — Compulsory Roman Catholic education begins in Belgian state schools.
- 1898 — Anglo-German secret agreement on future of African territories of Portugal, whereby Britain is to obtain lease of Delagoa Bay and Germany is to receive parts of Mozambique and Angola.
- 1914 — German forces take Aachen in France during World War I.
- 1916 — Turkey declares war on Russia. Paul von Hindenburg is named German chief of General Staff.
- 1928 — Independence of India League is formed in India.
- 1944 — Russian forces enter Bucharest, Romania, in World War II.
- 1951 — United States and the Philippines sign mutual defence pact.
- 1957 — All-African Federal Executive Council is formed in Nigeria.
- 1960 — East Germany imposes partial blockade of West Berlin.
- 1966 — China's Red Guards, their ranks swelled in Peking for second straight day.
- 1981 — Iran's President and Prime Minister are killed when bomb explodes in government offices in Tehran.
- 1987 — Philippines' President Corason Aquino says mutinous troops wanted to kill her entire family in bloody coup attempt.
- 1988 — Michael Dukakis moves to dispel talk that his campaign in the race for president of the United States has stalled and allowed Vice-President George Bush to surge ahead.

War in world out of work and hope

Blueprint for power

OLD Marshall Ferdinand Foch, who led the Allies to victory in World War I, said at the end of that conflict: "This is not peace. It is an armistice for 20 years." He was right, almost to the day.

Nearly two decades later, after years of threat and bluster, of depression and inequality, of fears and lies, conflict finally came to action on Sept. 1, 1939, when the first shots were fired in World War II.

No one could say the world did not have sufficient notice.

For instance, on the last day of January 1939 at the White House, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had called in the Senate military affairs committee to confide his fearful appraisal of the world — many of his countrymen suffered from a bad case of isolationism. Yet he told the Senators:

"About three years ago we got pretty definite information that there was in the making a policy of world domination between Germany, Italy and Japan... there are two ways of looking at it. The first is the hope that somebody will assassinate Hitler from within — that somebody will kill Mussolini or he will get a bad cold in the morning and die... the other attitude is that we must try to prevent the domination of the world."

He had drawn the line. Adolf Hitler, whom he called a "wild man" and "a nut," was the enemy, whether the nation knew it or not. Peace was slipping through the trembling fingers of Europe.

Hitler had had a timetable since he powered his way to control of the German government in the country's last free elections on March 5, 1933, a day after Roosevelt was inaugurated as US President.

Hitler had taken a broken Germany, re-armed it in secret, bluffed his way into the Rhineland which Germany had given up after World War I. He buttressed Fascist dictator Francisco Franco in Spain and conspired with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini to divide Europe. He bullied his way into Austria and Czechoslovakia and so intimidated Britain and France that they welcomed the Munich Pact which British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain considered a guarantee of "peace in our time." It only convinced Hitler that the old World War I Allies were willing to pay for peace at any price.

Source

Hitler needed Poland not only for a breadbasket but as a source of labour. He would have Poland even if it drew Britain and France into war. He was not, however, ready to fight a war on two fronts.

So he sought Joseph Stalin's assistance in the East, one of the most bizarre alliances in modern history — the Communist and the Fascist, philosophy be damned.

The Allies had procrastinated over a pact with Stalin to outflank Hitler. They obviously did not savour doing business with the Soviet leader.

Hitler had no such compunctions. On Aug. 20, 1939, he agreed to a Soviet-drafted Non-aggression Pact. In return, the Soviets would get a free hand in the Eastern Baltic and a share of Poland.

On Aug. 31, the Polish ambassador's lines from Berlin to Warsaw were cut. That night Hitler broadcast to his people peace proposals to Poland which the Poles never heard, his usual ploy for preparing the German mind for war.

Finally he launched operation cannon goods, planned months before. SS troops in Polish uniforms staged a mock attack on a German radio station at Gleiwitz on the Polish border, leaving a drugged concentration camp inmate, smeared with blood, as a German "casualty" of the attack. There were other such "provocations" along the border.

Berlin was calmly asleep, but all communications to the outside world were cut. Berliners would awaken to a war that would eventually destroy them and much of Europe as well.

At 5:20 am, Sept. 1, directly on Hitler's timetable, a German warplane attacked the Polish fishing village of Puck and an adjacent air base on the Gulf of Danzig. Twenty-five minutes later, a shell from the World War I battleship Schleswig-Holstein made a direct hit on a Polish ammunition dump at Westerplatte.

At first light, the Wehrmacht began a motorised march toward Warsaw, and a new word — "blitzkrieg," or lightning war — was introduced into the military lexicon.

At 2:20 am, Washington time, four hours after the attack began, Roosevelt's bedside phone rang.

"Tony Biddle has just got through from Warsaw, Mr President," said Bill Bullitt, the US ambassador to France. "Several German divisions are deep in Polish territory and fighting is heavy. Rony said there were reports of bombers over the city. Then he was cut off..."

"Well, Bill, it's come at last," Roosevelt replied. "God help us all."

In London, mobilization was ordered. On Sept. 3, Britain went to war. Winston Churchill, who had warned persistently of the German threat, was made a part of an expanded war cabinet and first Lord of the Admiralty, where he had served previously.

Before he got there, the word went out to the fleet: "Winston is back."

In Berlin, Hitler received the news of Britain's declaration with an immobile stare, but Hermann Goering, the head of the Luftwaffe, said: "If we lose this war, then God have mercy on us."

Uniform

Hitler donned a military uniform and pledged to his people he would not return to civilian clothes until the war was won, a promise he kept to his death.

The French played for time, adding a few insignificant hours to their mobilization, before declaring war.

There were those who thought the Poles could hold out for a couple of months. Even the Germans thought in terms of weeks. But German power had not been tested yet. It became a war of horse-drawn artillery against motorised guns that could cover bad roads at 40 miles (65 kilometres) an hour, a war of tanks against tanks.

The Polish Air Force was destroyed in 48 hours by German bombers. Stukas punctuated the sky, diving-bombing Polish troops who quickly learned to lay low until the planes came out of their dives and fire at

them as they struggled for altitude.

Cracow, Poland's second city, fell on Sept. 6. That same night, the Polish government fled the capital. Within one week, Poland's 35 divisions had been either surrounded or destroyed by the fast-moving Germans. It was all over in 17 days.

The Germans tried to hurry the Soviets into the fray and to move to pre-arranged borders as their part of the spoils — and to take some of the international blame. Willy Stalin, however, wanted the Germans to agree to a statement that the Soviets had entered Poland to spare white Russians from Nazi rule. The flattered Germans would not agree.

So Stalin re-drew the occupation zones, giving up a small slice of Poland for control of all the Balkan countries.

Stalin got more than the German wanted to give him; Ukrainian wheat and Romanian oil and a buffer of countries against likely German perfidy. Never mind that Hitler would take it all back in June 1941, after he had conquered Europe. But for now it was a secure border.

The expected clash of the giants in the West didn't happen. The French Army, brought to the front by a divided government, sat behind the Maginot line, unwilling to force the issue.

The first British troops could not be expected on the continent until October. Besides, the conquest of Poland had been a demonstration of incredible military force. Even Hitler was grateful for the respite. Any incursion, any air raid, would require



Adolf Hitler: out to conquer the world

Famous last words

By Hanns Neunerbourg

THE opening shots of what would become the world's most devastating war weren't enough to displace the classified ads that filled the front page of *The Times* of London in those days.

"At war with Germany," the headline proclaimed, spread over two columns — on Page 8.

Two days earlier, readers of Moscow's *Izvestia* had to turn to page 4 to find a terse piece on the German invasion of Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, the start of a war that eventually would claim at least 14 million Soviet lives.

The headline: "Military action between Poland and Germany."

On the same day, the Nazi party newspaper, *Voelkischer Beobachter*, hardly made plain what was behind the German invasion.

"The Fuehrer announces the struggle for the rights and security of the Reich," said the red-ink banner headline. "Count-

terattack has started," added a smaller subtitle, reflecting German propaganda claims of Polish border violations.

Some commentators on both sides thought the conflict could be contained.

Said a wishful editorial in the *Koelnische Zeitung* of Cologne: "The voluntary confinement of our strategy... and the respect of Belgian, Dutch, Luxembourg and Swiss neutrality by Germany could make it easy for London and Paris to let the German-Polish conflict pass as a local dispute."

In Paris, *Le Temps* commented Sept. 2, one day before Britain and France declared war on Germany: "We are certain that the government will do everything to avoid a catastrophe, if this is possible. The entire country stands behind it to fight... for the freedom of the peoples and its own independence, but it is ready, too, to listen to all voices that may still be raised in favour of appeasement."

But *The New York Times* warned against further yielding to the Nazis:

"The German government has used its strategic position in the centre of Europe to blackmail the small countries on its borders. It has used every sign of hesitation on the part of its larger neighbours, every offer of mediation on their part, and every gesture of good will as a wedge for ever greater demands and threats and seizure."

The *Times* of London had led the British press in calling for the appeasement in the 1930s. But now it had no doubts:

"Britain and France will not cease from war until the defeat of Hitler and their duty to themselves and the civilization have been fully and finally accomplished. They have entered upon the war without illusions: No setbacks, no sacrifices will turn them from that end."

his personal approval. The poised angels of destruction bided their time behind the Siegfried line.

The stagnant war was called the Sitzkrieg. The major confrontation would be in abeyance until Hitler was good and ready, in the spring of 1940.

Given

The German Navy, however, was given carte blanche. With the war against Britain only 10 hours old, the British liner *Athenia* was torpedoed without warning and sunk some 200 miles (320 kilometres) west of Scotland's Hebrides islands, killing 112 of the 1,400 passengers.

The Germans denied their submarines had attacked (it was later proved they had). They accused Churchill of putting a time bomb aboard to influence Britain and international public opinion.

Nevertheless, in the first week of the war, the Germans sent 11 British ships to the bottom. For all of September, U-boats claimed 26 ships sunk, and German mines took three more.

Meanwhile, Roosevelt sought to move his nation out of its isolationist stance. The issue was so politically sensitive that he said he was "almost literally walking on eggs."

Finally, Oct. 27, the Senate repealed the Neutrality Act, with the House of Representatives following. Arms were now for sale on a cash-and-carry basis, and the first British freighters began loading a week later.

(New York — AP)

Letters to the editor

Indians come home

SIR: The experience of the US and French in Lebanon, the experience of the US in Vietnam, the experience of the Russian Army in Afghanistan, are to be used to make the most sensible, though not the most emotional, decision possible. There is no room for sentiment, pity, emotion when human lives are precariously exposed like sitting ducks in land mines ridden Sri Lanka, where there is no reason, justice or humanity — where people kill for the sake of foreign newspaper reporters or for sheer political publicity,

where, like in Japan every prime minister is a target for scandalous rumours and for ransom demands. The US Seventh Fleet is very anxious to get the Indian Army out at all costs, as you can discern from the recent trend of events — the killings of Indian nationals, first Shanmugam, a business tycoon, now K.G. Gunaratnam, who is also of Indian origin, a business tycoon. Anti-Indian publicity at its zenith. India need not squander away a reportedly \$300 million in Sri Lanka to bring peace to a land where people don't want peace. They find every pretext to quarrel and create disorder; our soldiers are tired of

this interminable peace keeping. Two years had elapsed. Why tarry? Why can't you charter ships? Why can't the Sri Lankan authorities provide ships, and aircraft, to fly them back to India? Why don't the Sri Lankan authorities bear the cost of these peace keeping forces? They are getting our soldiers to bear the brunt while their soldiers are enjoying a paid holiday.

Indian soldiers, come home!

M.G. Thomas and colleague
Safat

Mayoral bid

Jackson in Washington

JESSE JACKSON is relaxed, almost sleepy. He is biding his time. Gone for the moment is the fiery preacher of the campaign trail, but the provocative language remains.

His voice low, his legs clad in blue jeans and boots, the black civil rights leader and two-time presidential candidate dodges questions about his political future, especially about running that he will run for Mayor of Washington next year.

For the time being, Jackson has moved his home and office from Chicago to the capital, but that's as far as he'll commit himself publicly. "It's not an appropriate time to discuss a mayoral bid."

But he drops tantalizing hints. "I'm not interested in being a mayor under occupation. That's not very attractive," he said. Does that mean he won't run for mayor? "There's no race in 1989," is the answer.

Jackson calls Washington "the cradle of democracy and the last domestic US colony."

What he means is that Washington, or the District of Columbia as it is otherwise known, is a city controlled by Congress. Although city residents can vote for president, they have only a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives and no senator.

Jackson wants Washington to become the 51st or 52nd state, depending on whether Puerto Rico votes for statehood when a plebiscite is held there in 1991.

"Congress is an occupying power. It can appropriate land, restrict the budget. The mayor is under occupation. He has no ability to influence Congress except through sympathy, and when there's none of that."

And there is very little sympathy in Congress for Mayor Marion Barry, Jackson's old friend from the days of their 1960s civil rights marches.

The three-term mayor has been dogged by questions about his behaviour. He has been the object of a criminal investigation over his ties to a convicted drug dealer. And two of his top aides have been convicted for stealing from the city.

Washington's record drug-related killings — making its murder rate the country's highest — its high infant mortality rate and the city's budget deficit have prompted Congress to commission a critical study of the capital's management. Instead of raising the city to statehood, it has been suggested that some of the mayor's power be turned over to a non-elected city manager.

Jackson is appalled. "Residents of Washington must be made full partners in democracy," he said.

He recels off statistics. Alaska, Wyoming, Delaware, Vermont and North Dakota have smaller populations than Washington's 650,000. Washington residents pay more federal taxes than most other states.

"This is taxation without representation. Even Beijing and Moscow, are represented in their legislatures," Jackson said.

Smaller

With an area of 68.25 square miles (176.12 square kilometres), DC would be less than one-tenth the size of Rhode Island, by far the smallest of the 50 states.

Jackson shrugs that off. Statehood will open the senate to black Americans who are not currently represented in the chamber, Jackson said. His logic is based on the fact that Washington is predominantly black, and each state has two senators.

Would he like to be Senator Jackson, or maybe Governor Jackson?

"That's not the issue here," he said.

Jackson, who has never held public office, has said he will not challenge Barry, but political observers suggest the beleaguered mayor may choose to step down sometime next year and leave Jackson a virtually clear field.

That would gladden those who think a mayoral run could preclude a third bid for the Democratic party's presidential nomination in 1992.

Some suggest that without the often-controversial Jackson on the Democrats' left-wing, the party might stand a better chance of uniting and capturing the White House in 1992 after more than 10 years in presidential exile.

But Jackson refuses to be drawn into such speculation.

"I stand a good chance of winning the (presidential) nomination if I choose to run in 1992," he said. "I'm on an upward curve." In contests for delegates to the 1988 Democratic party nominating convention, Jackson ran first in 13 states and second in 33.

Amid packing cartons, with the sign on the door still of an obscure environmental group, Jackson's rainbow coalition is in full swing after moving here last week.

"In this interim period," as Jackson called it, he is launching campaigns to encourage parents to participate in their children's education and to increase voter registration of blacks.

(AP — Washington)

Quote me

"I got tired from the second set on. I didn't have any food in my tank and I just ran out of gas. It's god way of torturing you when you lose." — Brad Gilbert, after being treated for cramps and also being knocked out of the US Open tennis tournament.

"Right now, I would love to be No. 1. I enjoyed my 3-to-4 months of being world No. 1 than some players who are in that spot for their whole life." — Mats Wilander after playing his first round match at the US Open.

"I wish success to the cabinet members and the President and I hope they will succeed in carrying out their plans." — Mehdi Karrubi, Iran's Parliament Speaker said after Parliament approved all 22 nominations to President Hashemi Rafsanjani's new cabinet.

"No more drug trafficking, no more war, no more killing, no more bombs, no more fire." — Fabio Ochoa Restrepo, father of Colombia's Medellin cartel, said in a letter.

"Playing in South Africa would overshadow what we are doing overall. World opinion against South Africa with a United Nations' sanction against the country puts pressure on the ATP." — Vijay Amritraj, president of Association of Tennis Professionals council, said in a news conference.

"We respect the freedom of individual. Morality is an individual opinion. We can't impose our morality on an individual."

Vijay Amritraj said in a news conference.

VARIETY



Harrison Ford as Indiana Jones

The Fabulous Baker Boys, stars Jeff and Beau Bridges as a pair of piano players who hire a female singer, Michelle Pfeiffer, to help their act.

In Country stars Bruce Willis and Emily Lloyd in a portrait of a family's struggle to heal the wounds caused by Vietnam.

Matthew Modine plays a first-year medical student in Gross Anatomy with Christine Lahti and Daphne Zuniga, a study of medical student trauma.

Richard Dreyfuss and Holly Hunter star in Steven Spielberg's Always, a contemporary romance set against forest fires.

Welcome Home finds Kris Kristofferson as a Vietnam vet who turns up alive after 17 years to discover his "widow" (JoBeth Williams) remarried.

Sea of Love has Al Pacino starring as a New York City cop infatuated with a beautiful woman (Ellen Barkin) murder suspect.

Robert Duvall portrays Nazi Adolf Eichmann in The White Crow on trial for his crimes. Glenn Close plays a woman whose life is changed by her involvement.

Bette Midler goes for drama with John Goodman in Stella, the story of a single mother's love and sacrifice.

Patrick Swayze and Adam Baldwin star in Next of Kin, the story of a Chicago cop and his Appalachian kinfolk seeking vengeance against the Mafia.

Minnie Driver stars Jessica Lange, a criminal lawyer who defends her father accused of committing unspeakable war crimes.

Comedy

Traditionally, Hollywood's major comedy films are released during the summer when the kids are on vacation. But there are laughs aplenty in store for moviegoers during the coming cold months.

Perhaps the most touching and gentlest comedy of the year is Shirley Valentine, starring Pauline Collins (who won the Tony for this role on stage) and Tom Conti.

The War of the Roses brings back Michael Douglas, Kathleen Turner and Danny DeVito (who directed) in the further misadventures of the trio of Romancing the Stone and Jewel of the Nile.

Back to the Future Part II, provides more time travel for Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson.

Another sequel is The Gods Must Be Crazy II with James Uys writing and directing once again.

Driving Miss Daisy stars Morgan Freeman as a chauffeur and Jessica Tandy as a Jewish matron, based on the Pulitzer prize-winning play.

Jack Lemmon plays Ted Danson's father in Dad, a story of a father and son who rediscover their relationship during a family crisis.

The Wizard focuses on a 13-year-old boy and his younger brother on a cross-country romp for a video game championship with Fred Savage and Beau Bridges.

Clips

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Patrick Swayze has begun work in Ghost, a new Paramount Pictures comedy co-starring Demi Moore and Whoopi Goldberg.

Swayze will be seen as a ghost in New York City determined to communicate with the woman he loves (Moore) with the assistance of a psychic (Goldberg), a charlatan who is amazed to discover her powers are authentic.

Jerry Zucker will direct the comedy for producer Lisa Weinstein from an original screenplay written by Bruce Joel Rubin.

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Producer-writer Danny Arnold, best known for his Barney Miller sitcom, has signed with Walt Disney Pictures and Television to create TV and feature film product for the studio.

Under the terms of his contract, Arnold will be involved in the development and production of a wide range of projects for the organization, a subsidiary of the Walt Disney Studios.

In addition to Barney Miller, Arnold produced TV's My World and Welcome to it, Bewitched, The Real McCoys, That Girl and Fish.

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): New Century-Vista Film Company has acquired world-wide theatrical distribution on rights to Cage, starring Lou Ferrigno and Reb Brown.

Scheduled for release in Los Angeles, New York and Chicago in September, Cage depicts the illegal world of the Asian sport of cage fighting.

Directed by Lang Elliott, Cage was filmed in Los Angeles' Chinatown district where cage fighting is supposed to take place. The sport is a brutal underground spectator event where hand-to-hand combat often results in death.

HOLLYWOOD, (UPI): Rue McClanahan, one of the stars of TV's Golden Girl series, will play the title role in The Worst Witch, an NBC-TV special scheduled for broadcast in October.

The half-hour special features Burgess Meredith and a pair of current TV castmembers, Raffi de Blasio (almost grown) and Jackie Gayle (The Boys). Paul Fusco, co-creator of the Alf series, will produce the comedy with Steve Dubin directing.

McClanahan, as Avanssa, enlists a cadre of gargoyles on Halloween to help her end the curse that has banished her to the nether world for 300 years.



Jane Fonda



Michael Keaton in "Batman"

Hollywood hopes rise

Autumn schedule

HOLLYWOOD (UPI): Can the movie community stage a sequel to compete with its \$2 billion box-office blockbuster this summer?

Not likely. In its long history has Hollywood enjoyed a more profitable three months than this June, July and August. Since Memorial Day there have been five \$100 million-plus films: Batman, Indiana Jones and The Last Crusade, Lethal Weapon 2, Honey, I Shrunk the Kids and Ghostbusters II.

It is unlikely exhibitors will see anything like that during the next six months.

But many heavy-lifting dramas, released near the end of the year for Academy Award consideration, are scheduled for this fall and winter. Additionally, there are dozens of comedies, action-adventure, horror drama and romantic offerings.

Drama

We're in for two Paul Newman vehicles—Blaze, in which he plays legendary Louisiana Gov. Earl Long during his love affair with a stripper, and Fat Man and Little Boy, with Newman as Gen. Leslie Groves, commander of the Manhattan Project's Atomic Bomb development.

Michael Douglas stars in Black Rain as a New York detective chasing a killer to Japan, where he encounters an exotic underworld.

The Two Jakes stars Jack Nicholson who also directs the film, a sequel to the 1974 Chinatown hit in which he plays detective Jake Gittes.

A Dry White Season is a tale of black and a white family set in 1976 South Africa, starring Donald Sutherland, Marlon Brando and Susan Sarandon.

Kill Me Again stars Val Kilmer and Joanne Whalley-Kilmer in a story of a woman who hires a detective to help fake her murder.

Robert de Niro and Jane Fonda lovers in Stanley & Iris dealing with an illiterate factory worker who falls for a widowed co-worker.

Johnny Handsome is a story of revenge, romance and redemption with Mickey Rourke, Morgan Freeman and Ellen Barkin.

Old Gringo, features Gregory Peck as American journalist Ambrose Bierce and Jane Fonda as an American governess during Pancho Villa's Mexico revolution.

Mountains of the Moon is an account of the 19th century explorers Sir Richard Burton and John Hanning Speke seeking the source of the Nile.

Dustin Hoffman, Sean Connery and Matthew Broderick are featured in Family Business, with three generations of a family committed to a daring robbery.

Glory is an account of the first US black fighting regiment in the civil war, starring Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman.

Born on the 4th of July, director Oliver (Platoon) Stone's movie version of Ron Kovic's book, starring Tom Cruise as a paraplegic Vietnam veteran.

Barbara Hershey plays an attorney whose lover-client is murdered in Defenseless, and defends her lover's wife in court.

Tom Selleck tackles drama as a man framed and sent to prison who tries to clear his name in An Innocent Man co-starring F. Murray Abraham.

Sylvester Stallone and Kurt Russell team up to play rival cops framed by the mafia for killing a federal agent in Tango and Cash.

I Love You to Death, a bizarre story of love and attempted murder starring Kevin Kline and Tracey Ullman under the direction of Lawrence Kasdan.



Tom Cruise in "Rain Man"



Mickey Rourke



Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner



Donald Sutherland

Chilled out comic Shore

By Vernon Scott

HOLLYWOOD, Aug. 29, (UPI): How can anyone under 40 ever forget Jeff Spicoli of "Fast Times at Ridgemont High"?

Portrayed by Sean Penn in a role that first brought him to national attention, Spicoli was a real cool dude, a brain-damaged surfer who had a pizza delivered to his high school, right in the middle of class.

Spicoli became a symbol for the Wacko California Dude who dug chicks in thong bikinis, slept through classes, lived to surf and eventually became a celebrity.

That persona has now been taken over by Pauly Shore, a 21-year-old stand-up comic who, well, would be considered off the wall if he were aware of walls.

Whether Shore is for real is tough to fathom. It doesn't matter because on-camera or off, he's like, chilled out, man.

The beauty of Shore's humor is that he doesn't attack the establishment. He doesn't even know there's an establishment. He deals with his generation, college and high school yuppie-types who live in hermetically sealed pods.

"Social problems?" he asked. "I don't know that stuff, man. I just try to get through the day, like waking up and swimming when the water's cold. My generation is lazy, man. We're lazy."

Shore is about to be seen in "Phantom of the Mall," a film due out in September and "The Wedding Band," which is scheduled for release in mid-October.

The son of comedian Sammy and Mitzi Shore (owner of the comedy store), Pauly sports a tangle of tightly curled dark hair, his clothes are refugee rumpled. His voice is like, well, mod-spacy.

Examples of his nihilistic humor:

"I would give anything to meet my great granddad, and of course Cory Feldman."

"I love to pamper myself with dorritos, root beer and a comfortable couch to watch MTV."

"My goal is to be Gandhi, leader of all the kids that never made it to college."

"The perfect evening for me would be to mud wrestle with Madonna."

"Even though I know it's wrong, I do jumping jacks while smoking a cigarette."

"Whenever I feel sorry for myself, I eat a Bologna sandwich with tuna."

At hunch recently, Shore said his parents were divorced when he was three. His father encouraged him to be a comic. His mother was against it, pointing to his father as a bad example.

"My father is weird," he said. "When I was in Beverly Hills Little League, he would sit in the stands in his speedos and pretend to be gay and yell, 'Hit the ball, you little bleep.'"

"He made me laugh, sometimes I made him laugh."

"My first movie was 'For Keeps' with Molly Ringwald. I signed for 13 weeks at \$1,500 a week. I only worked maybe two weeks. That's a lot of partying, man."

"I had enough money to move into an apartment. But it was small, so I moved back in with my mother with the swimming pool and all that stuff, you know?"

"When I play Dunes Hotel in Vegas I change my act to keep the old people happy. I start out, 'like how you guys doing?' I can see a lot of you people thinking, 'hey, didn't we leave him at home?'"

"Then I say, 'I'm the future of America — kinda scary, huh?' then I go, 'think about it, you guys, what's it gonna be like in 30 years.'"

"I tell 'em in 30 years they can take their driving lessons in Spanish, English or dude, dude. 'Stead of taking 'true' or 'false' questions they will be 'totally' or 'not even.'"

Shore is convinced he is the comic for the 1990s with a brand of humor that pokes fun of being hip.

In a confrontation, Shore can plead unconscious or preoccupied with theme songs from "The Brady Bunch" and "Gilligan's Island."

"Comedy is a matter of style," he said in a brief stab at straight.

"That's why the guys are funnier from the comedy clubs than 'Saturday Night Live.'"

Shore has done some TV turns, including "21 Jump Street," and "St. Elsewhere."

"I'm always moving man," he said. "I wanna set up a college campus tour with my friend Chris Rock, a black dude. It's all attitude of the streets. Him from Brooklyn, me from Hollywood. It's black and white unity. I look like alfalfa and he looks like buckwheat."

Unspoilt 'resort'

Penal colony to get new life

By Paul Holmes

THE silence, the turquoise sea and the wild horses grazing peacefully in the sun suggest a paradise island, until a man in manacles steps under guard from a motor launch.

A convicted drugs trafficker, he has arrived on the island of Asinara, a penal colony within sight of the northwest tip of Sardinia where Italian justice once banished its hardest criminals to a life sentence of despair.

But now, after 104 years off limits to the law-abiding public, Italy's Alcatraz may be destined for a brighter future as an accessible nature reserve and village-style open prison.

The unique plan is the brainchild of prisons Director-General Niccolò Amato, who says he is determined to save one of the Mediterranean's last unspoiled outposts from the tourist onslaught that has marred so much of Italy's coastline.

Blessed with natural beauty that belies its bleak purpose, Asinara is 52 square km (20 square miles) of mountains and Mediterranean scrubland where time seems to have stood still.

A haven for many protected species of birds, marine life and animals that include rare breeds of white donkey and wild mountain sheep, it has no asphalt roads. Its only buildings are the scattered constructions of the penal colony.

"There are us, the prisoners and the mountain sheep," said one warden on a tour past unpolluted rocky coves and deserted beaches of pure white sand.

The use of Asinara as a prison island, accessible only to those condemned or authorised to set foot there, is recognised as the reason it has remained much as it was when it was sealed off in 1885.

But recent reforms improving life in Italian jails and a sharp fall in the national convict population have also reduced Asinara's importance to the prison system.

Where less than a decade ago its cell blocks held more than 500 prisoners, many of them Mafia bosses and leftist Red Brigades guerrillas, there are now just over 100 convicts, guarded by slightly more wardens.

And as the number of Asinara's unwilling inhabitants has dwindled, rumours that developers are poised to swoop have spread along the Sardinian coast. Pressure has increased on the Justice Ministry to return the island to local control.

That is where Amato's plan comes in.

He is convinced that only the presence of the prisons service can preserve Asinara from property speculators and believes his plan could be valid for two smaller Italian prison islands in the Mediterranean, Pianosa and Gorgona.

"We know that as long as there is one convict and one warden on Asinara, Pianosa and Gorgona the islands will be safe from any kind of speculation or commercial aggression," Amato said in an interview in Rome.

The principal beauty of Asinara is that it is uncontaminated, virgin nature undisturbed by the explosion of building work and speculation that has encroached relentlessly on every area that can be exploited for tourism.

"I believe it would be an unforgivable crime if everything possible was not done to preserve the island's beauty," Amato said.

He won backing for his plan from local authorities in Sardinia this month and intends to have it formally drawn up in consultation with them by the end of the year. (Reuter Asinara)

World War II Japan in 1939

Taking over Asia

By David Butts

BY the time Nazi Germany invaded Poland on Sept. 1, 1939, Japan had been engaged in its push for power in Asia for almost eight years.

Japan began an undeclared war with China in 1931, and it now viewed Adolf Hitler's move into Poland as a boon.

By 1939, Japan had held the northeastern Chinese province of Manchuria for eight years and was two years into its battle for China proper.

The Japanese had taken Beijing, Shanghai, Nanking and Canton but were facing determined opposition from the combined forces of the Chinese communists, led by Mao Tse-tung, and the Chinese nationalists, led by Chiang Kai-shek.

Japan's strategy was to have Hitler tie up the British, French and Dutch in Europe while the Japanese pushed beyond China into the traditionally European

spheres of influence in Asia.

In 1940 Japan formed the Axis Alliance with Germany and Italy.

The Japanese were so willing to embrace Hitler and his Nazi war machine in 1939 that they began spreading anti-Semitic propaganda in Tokyo despite the near total absence of Japanese Jews.

"To show their oneness with Nazi Germany, they (the Japanese) even agreed to blame the machinations of the Jews for turning the rest of the world against them," said Leonard Mosley in his book "Hirohito, Emperor of Japan."

Couched

Japan wanted desperately to join the Western nations as a world power, but to do so it needed colonies of its own with material and human resources.

Tokyo aimed at taking over all of Asia.

The Japanese couched their aggression in terms of freeing Asia from the yoke of the white man.

They hoped Asian nations would line up behind their plan, formally known as the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere, but it soon became apparent their interest was to replace white exploitation with Japanese exploitation.

The Japanese war in China had shocked the other great powers by its ruthlessness and brutality.

Word leaked out slowly of Japanese atrocities, including the rape of Nanking, when Japanese soldiers ran amok in a two-month reign of terror in the Chinese capital from December 1937 to February 1938 that left up to 200,000 dead.

But brutality was not the only concern of the Western powers. The Japanese were challenging

their economic interests in China and the rest of Asia.

The British, French and Americans had profited from trade with China, and Japan was threatening to take that away.

Japan, spurred by the successes of the German blitzkrieg in Europe, began to push beyond China southward into Indochina, in 1940.

The move was too much for the Americans, who together with the European countries concerned imposed a ban on sales of oil, steel and iron to Japan.

The United States demanded Japan withdraw its army from the areas it had occupied since 1931.

The Japanese refused and on Dec. 7, 1941, launched the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor that brought the United States into war with Japan, Italy and Germany. (UPI).

Family man in TV divorce

Jewel in Malik's crown

By Mary Kemp

HAPPILY married Art Malik is thinking about divorce. Not that his English wife Gina has anything to worry her pretty head about.

For Pakistan-born Art, who found fame as Hari Kumar in *The Jewel and the Crown*, is the star of a controversial new TV series about divorce.

In the £3 million six-hour series called *Stolen*, Art plays Pakistani property developer Salim who demands a divorce when he discovers his wife has been unfaithful.

One day, while she is at work, he kidnaps their two young children from school and takes them back to Pakistan. Art, who has two young daughters of his own, said: "As soon as I found out that Salim was about divorce, I was very interested."

"We live in a world where people get involved in marriages and marriages break down. From very early on, children become the victims of divorce."

"When this happens, a new set of rules has to be drawn up. Unfortunately, Salim is about one person deciding he is going to make the contract and issue ultimatums without having gone through the conversation with the other people involved."

Softly spoken Art went on: "If Gina and I split up, I think I would want to deal with the pain of infidelity and to be aware rather than runaway. You have to talk about the ugly side of divorce."

He has spent five days filming in Pakistan but is now sitting on the daisy-covered lawn of a cottage in Kent, where the final episode of *Stolen* is being shot.

His home, an Edwardian house in Kingston, Surrey, is less than two hours away. That's where daughters Jessica, eight, and six-year-old Keira will greet him with bear hugs when he has finished work.

Art said: "Jessica and Keira are great leavers when you come back from all this and they scream and shout at you and tell you that you've opened the wrong can of beans or something."

Recently, Art and Gina have been talking about expanding their family. Art told me: "We've talked about having two more children, maybe in a year's time."

"We want to have another batch because when you've invested all that money in clothes and toys and they are lying around, you may as well recirculate them!"

A devoted family man and madly in love with his wife, Art is far from the character he plays in *Stolen*.

He has already been likened, in both looks and talent, to Omar Sharif. It's easy to see why he sets so many female hearts a-flutter. And he's been doing what ever since he was at college at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, where he met Gina.

Gina was going out with Mark Ardin, who plays Vaseline in the TV series *London's Burning*, at the time. Art explains: "Gina and I were friends. So when she told me how their relationship was going wrong, I was slowly sowing the seeds of the destruction of the relationship."

"I'd say to Gina, 'What a shame.' Let's go to dinner and talk about it!"

Art would probably never have met Gina if



Art Malik: family life is the jewel in his crown

Heart-throb actor Art Malik is starring in a new TV series about the agonies of divorce but in real life he's a loving husband and father—and even planning 'another batch' of offspring

he had pursued his original intention of becoming a computer salesman. He said: "I'd always wanted to be an architect but I didn't get the right A-levels at school."

Change

"I decided to change tack completely and thought I would like to become a systems analyst and flog computers. I like the idea of working for IBM and just travelling around."

"So I went and did an HND in business studies but I realised quite early on that I had no desire to get involved in the world of business. Then I began going to Wednesday afternoon drama classes and realised I enjoyed acting much more."

Art, the son of an eye-surgeon, had already made his acting debut as a 14-year-old school boy when his drama teacher warned him against becoming an actor.

"I played an aunt in a play called *The Pen of My Aunt* and I had to wear a skirt and a wig. It was a house drama competition, the maximum points you could get was 20 from the five judges, and the minimum was four. My production actually managed to get three points."

"My note was — the next time I ever attempted to play a female, would I kindly remember that women tend to keep their knees together."

"You can understand why the careers master didn't think that acting was a good idea."

It was at the same grammar school in Tottenham, London, that he was nicknamed Art. He explained: "My real name is Arthar but at school that got changed to Arthur, which is an awful name and one which I took great exception to."

"Arthur got changed to Arfur and then Arfur Pint and all the rest of it. Then finally the mother of one of my friends started calling me Art, which I thought was quite nice."

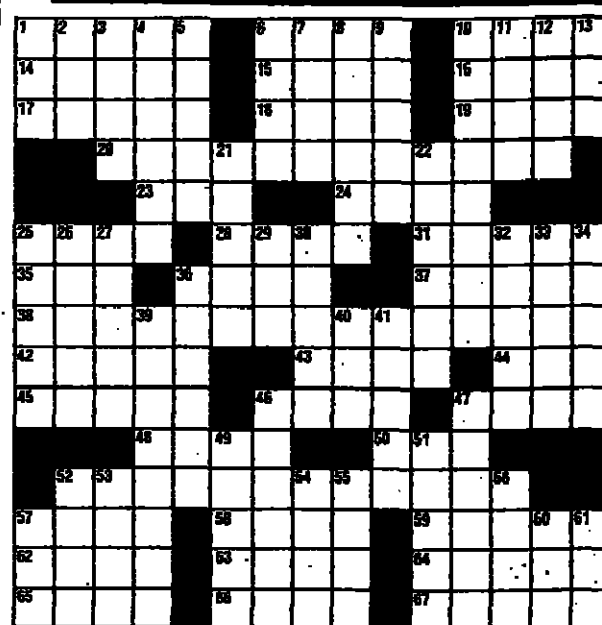
"And anyway, it's a lot more memorable. I started my acting career as Arthar Malik and you'd ring up people and they'd say 'who?' It was a name no-one seemed to know what to do with."

Romantically-inclined friends tell Art his real name means twilight or supererogation, but he doesn't believe a word of it. He said: "We called our youngest daughter Keira which in Celtic means possessor of black hair. Keira's hair is blonde."

Art's is black, wavy and very thick — the sort of hair women dream of. But he is quick to dismiss the idea that he has become a sex symbol. He said: "I think that's like reacting at physical levels."

"I think when you start watching a two-dimensional character who's put together in a dramatic format, you then create something else. For example, in *The Jewel and the Crown* my character evoked an emotional response from the audience."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Coat part
 - Fewer
 - Playing marbles
 - Mistreat
 - North African seaport
 - Caesar's unlucky time
 - Kind of wave or wing
 - Mother of Elizabeth I
 - Ships
 - Presley hit set to Poulton music
 - Apiece
 - Region
 - Good or kind follower
 - Church rite
 - Golf great
 - Baseball great
 - Separate
 - It takes two to dance this
 - Sammy Davis hit set to
 - Borodin music
 - Small brooks
 - "Saturday Night"
 - Yoko
 - Dazzling display
 - Noise
 - Posses
 - Exercise one's franchise
 - Sought office
 - 1939 hit set to
- DOWN**
- Duo
 - Crude person
 - Come up
 - Your majesty
 - Country road
 - Casaba
 - "Rosebud" in "Citizen Kane"
 - Finishes
 - Church calendars
 - "A Shropshire"
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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TAKE A BIT OF INSURANCE

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ 7 5
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ A J 10 9 4 3
 ♣ 7 6 2

WEST
 ♠ A 10 8 6 4 3
 ♥ 7 5 3
 ♦ 7
 ♣ J 10 5

EAST
 ♠ J 9
 ♥ Q J 10 9 2
 ♦ K 8 5
 ♣ Q 9 8

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 2
 ♥ K 6 4
 ♦ Q 6 2
 ♣ A K 4 3

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 NT Pass 3 NT Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♠
 Sometimes the fate of your contract is in the lap of the gods. However, there is nothing to stop you from giving the deities an assist.

The auction had one point of interest. With essentially a balanced hand, North saw no reason to introduce his six-card minor. Slam was out of the question, and the prospects of taking nine tricks in no trump were far brighter than 11 in the long suit. As a result, the optimum contract of three no trump was reached in quick time.

West leads the six of spades and East plays the jack. How would you rate your chances of making your contract?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

AMT USC STEAM
 GENT STLO ERIE
 ATTA PEEP SMART
 THEMOUSETRAP
 HONEST TITMOUSE
 ADD RNA CEE RAW
 BILING OGBE
 MICKEYMOUSE
 LEON MORMS
 AGO SRO ADM SSE
 DORMOUSE EASIER
 OFMICEANDMEN
 PLAIT ROLL APIE
 TERRE TILLS KENS
 ASPEN SEA RIBT

Obviously, if the diamond finesse is going to succeed, you have more than enough tricks. And if the spades are 4-4, your contract also is safe. The danger comes if the spades don't divide evenly and the diamond finesse fails, since the play to the first trick virtually marks West with the ace of spades.

If the spades are 5-3 and you win the first trick, you have no chance because West will ambush your second spade honor with the ace. But what if spades are 6-2?

Ironically, as long as the spade break is bad enough, your contract becomes a sure thing. All you have to do is refuse to win the first spade trick! When East continues a spade, West is helpless. If he wins, you still have a spade stopper. If he holds up, you can afford to lose the diamond finesse. Since East has no spade to return, you take in 10 tricks—one spade, two hearts, five diamonds and two clubs. As you can see, had you won the first spade trick the defenders would have collected six tricks before you had reaped your just share.



THE WIZARD OF ID

By Grant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

 Aries (March 20 - April 18) You will have some doubts. Never mind, there is room for you and you will know how to deal with them. Take one thing at a time. Be less cantankerous.	 Cancer (June 21 - July 21) You will know just what to do in the circumstances. Show a little more initiative but do not act on impulse. Try not to do rely too much on lucky chance. Be observant.	 Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) You should not expect others to do just what you would like them to do. Make sure you do not exceed any limits, not only those of speed. And be sure you do not starve yourself in the process of losing weight. Be generous.	 Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) Nothing will be quite as simple as you would like. However you should not see complications where there are not any. Do not place too much if any reliance on others. Be truthful.
 Taurus (April 19 - May 19) You should not base your judgments on assumptions or conjecture. You will not be able to do exactly what you would wish to do. Make sure you do not eat more than you know you ought. Be reasonable.	 Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21) Make sure you do not do anything on the spur of the moment. There is no point in being bitter about a wrong that has been done to you. Look on the bright side. Be on your guard.	 Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Things will take a little longer so make sure you do not waste any time. And try to get yourself a little more organized. There will be something to be pleased about. Be sensible.	 Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) Your children will not quite come up to your expectations. Your lucky numbers are 38 and 2. You should not lose the courage of your convictions. You should not let a hobby take up too much of your time.
 Gemini (May 20 - June 20) You will not altogether be able to avoid mistakes but you will have time to correct them. You should not be too ambitious but nor should you just do the minimum needed. Curb your expenses. Be magnanimous.	 Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21) You will have some good ideas but they may not all be practicable. You should avoid being mean but nor should you spend extravagantly. Take things less as they come but do not fight against what has to be. Be credible.	 Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) Something you have long been trying to learn will at long last fall into place. You should not live too much in the past, the present and future are what counts. Do not expect too much from others. Be realistic.	 Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19) Do not be too great a hurry but do not be slowly either. Try to be a little more good-humored and do not take everything quite so seriously. Make sure you do not do anything even slightly illegal. Be cordial.

Tango beats British troops

INVADING British troops surrendered in the Argentine capital after a pitched battle against the Tango.

So runs the story line of "Tango War," an Argentine musical film. The movie opened just days before British and Argentine diplomats last week held the first bilateral talks in five years on restoring diplomatic ties broken during the 1982 Falkland Islands war.

The film's original title was "Cipayos," which is Spanish for sepoys, the name that was given in India to Indian soldiers who served in European armies. In Argentina it is a derogatory term used to describe those natives who spurn their fatherland's interests and culture to serve foreign masters.

"The movie seeks to attack British colonialism and the sepoys in many Argentines," Jorge Coscia, the film's director, told Reuters in a telephone interview.

The film's Spanish subtitle, "The Third Invasion," alludes to the two times British troops overran Buenos Aires in the early 1800s, when it was the capital of the Spanish

vicerealty of the River Plate. Both times the invaders were ousted by combined local and Spanish troops.

Britain and Argentina went to war in 1982 over the Falkland Islands, a barren, sparsely populated South Atlantic archipelago over which Buenos Aires claims sovereignty. More than 1,000 servicemen were killed in the 10-week conflict before invading Argentine troops surrendered to a British task force.

In the movie, set in modern times, the tango — Argentina's national music — stands for the Argentine national identity, which is supposedly threatened by a flood of foreign music like rock and roll.

"But it is not just tango versus rock. It's our culture against what's foreign, when what's foreign outgrows our own things," Coscia said.

Coscia portrays the residents of Buenos Aires as inhabitants of a latter-day South American Hong Kong organizing a musical resistance against British troops armed with tanks and submachine-guns.

The Tango Gang, the vanguard of nation-

alist resistance, fights dancing duels against the Poplins, Anglophiles who worship rock and roll and hang out at a pub called McRonald's.

The British forces win the upper hand when they capture the tangos' dance instructor at his studio. But the resistance movement strikes back at the invaders' weak point — its sepoys troops.

Little by little the "Gurkhas," the "Chindits," the "Bengal Lancers" and other Asian regiments are seduced into deserting by the sensual rhythm of the tango.

The British commander, Colonel William Beresford, a direct descendant of the leader of one of last century's British invasions, is reduced to a few Irish troops when he catches the leaders of the tango gang.

But the odds are definitely against Beresford because among the Argentine rebels there is a red-haired, freckled descendant of Irish immigrants, who appeals to his captors' anti-British feelings and sparks a final uprising against the invading commander.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Energy File

OPEC urged to stick to quota

ALGIERS, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Algeria and Libya urged fellow OPEC members today to respect their oil production quotas and said violations threatened the organisation's unity.

A joint communiqué carried by the Algerian news agency APS said the Algerian and Libyan oil ministers agreed after talks in Tripoli to intensify contacts within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

"The two countries have noticed with regret the recent disorder in the oil market which has resulted from the non-adherence of certain OPEC states to the agreement reached at the last meeting in Vienna," the statement said.

OPEC states agreed in June to limit output to 19.5 million barrels per day (BPD) to support a price of \$18 a barrel. But industry sources say total OPEC output now exceeds 21 million BPD, with most of the excess coming from Gulf Arab producers.

The Libyan-Algerian statement said the excess had weakened world oil prices and caused "huge damage" to OPEC economies.

It said the two countries had agreed to intensify contacts with member states are facing, endangering the solidarity and unity of the organisation.

OPEC states are to meet in Geneva on September 23 to discuss oil output levels for the rest of the year.

Oil exploration

SEUL, Aug. 29, (OPECNA): Expansion in trade and increased co-operation in oil exploration between Indonesia and South Korea will be explored at the 11th annual meeting of the joint Indonesian-South Korean committee for mineral and resource co-operation opening today in Bali, Indonesia.

The South Korean side to the two-day event will be led by Energy and Resources Minister Lee Bong-Suh.

The agenda will also include South Korea's coal supply to the Indonesian state-run electric power corporation and prospects of initiating joint development projects.

Oil discovery

AMMAN, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Jordanian daily "Sawit Al Shaab" today said that light oil was discovered in south eastern Jordan and explorations are now underway to determine its quantity and economic feasibility by the concerned authorities.

The paper quoted an authoritative source as saying that such a discovery is very important because the oil was of the light type and was found in a shallow area of 1,400 metres deep only.

Oil imports up

TOKYO, Aug. 29, (OPECNA): Japan's crude oil imports in July rose 10.8 per cent to 3.19 million BPD from 2.88 million BPD the previous month, according to the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI).

A report released here last week said the country's crude imports from the Middle East rose to 2.1 million BPD in the month from 2.02 million BPD in June, accounting for 65.9 per cent of total imports.

Oil supplies from Southeast Asia represented 21.3 per cent of total imports, or 679,000 BPD during the month, up from 16.2 per cent (467,000 BPD) in June.

Higher prices

NEW YORK, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Crude oil prices will rise at a faster pace over the next five years than the world-wide inflation rate, estimated at three to four per cent, according to a survey by Salomon Brothers.

The reasons are declining crude oil production capacity in key industrial nations and an increasing dependence on the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the survey, published today said.

Real estate investment surges

Regulatory efforts aim to improve Kuwait's securities market

TO accommodate the decline in the state public revenues, the Kuwait economy witnessed during the past few years intensive efforts exerted by the economic management in the country through procedures aimed at enhancing the domestic economic activity and sustaining development to enable the domestic economy to achieve sustainable growth rates, according to Economic Report published by Kuwait Central Bank.

In the early eighties the growth rates of domestic public expenditure declined after a decrease in oil revenues and consequently in the state public revenues. Since public expenditure is the main driving force of economic activity in Kuwait, the decline in this expenditure, associated with many unfavourable local and external developments, led performance levels in some major economic sectors to decline.

The report said: "To identify the features of the current economic situation we demonstrate major economic indicators

reflecting the performance of the domestic economy and changes in the activities of various economic sectors as follows:

After a decline of 8.6 per cent in 1985 and 17.4 per cent in 1986, the gross domestic product (GDP) at current prices for 1987 totalled KD5,444.5 million, having increased by 13 per cent over the previous year.

In 1987 the GDP of the oil sector was estimated at KD2,232.2 million against KD1,841.8 million in the previous year, an increase of 21.2 per cent. Conversely, the growth rate of the GDP on non-oil sectors increased from 4.5 per cent in 1986 to 8 per cent in the value added of oil refining activities between these two years.

It is noticed, in general, that the difference in growth rates of GDP for both oil and non-oil sectors was associated with substantial changes in the structure of domestic economic activity that led the relative importance of oil sector in the composition of GDP to increase from 38.2 per

cent in 1986 to 41 per cent in 1987.

From statistics on the Ministry of Planning, it can be deduced that the level of domestic consumer and investment demand increased by 5.6 per cent (on a yearly basis) in 1987 against 4 per cent in 1986. While government consumption expenditure and total investment expenditure (fixed capital formation) declined by 4.4 per cent and 17.8 per cent respectively in 1987, the increase in domestic demand during 1986 and 1987 was mainly a result of an increase from 2 per cent to 16.2 per cent in the growth rate of private consumption expenditure bringing the ratios of consumer expenditure to both GDP and non-oil GDP from 49.9 per cent and 80.8 per cent in 1986 to 51.3 per cent and 86.9 per cent respectively in 1987.

According to estimates of the Central Bank of Kuwait for 1988, it is expected that both the non-oil GDP and the GDP (at current prices) will grow by 9 per cent and 3.8 per cent respectively

above their levels in the previous year, against a decline of 3.7 per cent in oil GDP.

In harmony with the goals of the state's fiscal policy of maintaining a level of public expenditure sufficient for securing an appropriate level for momentum of domestic economic activity and enhancing activity in major sectors, the volume of public expenditure in the general budget of the fiscal year 1988/89 was estimated at KD3,194.8 million, an increase of 1.2 per cent above its estimated level in the general budget of the previous fiscal year.

After deducting 10 per cent of the total public revenues for the Future Generations Reserve Fund, the deficit in the general budget was estimated to decrease from KD1,376.5 million in the fiscal year 1987/88 to KD1,346.2 million in the fiscal year 1988/89. It can be noted that the value of the deficit in the closing account of the fiscal year 1987/88 totalled KD779.4 million, a decline of 43.4 per cent below its estimated

level in the budget.

Signs of improvement in the performance of the Kuwaiti economy during 1988 can be seen also by demonstrating the momentum of economic activity in some major economic sectors, such as real estate, building and construction and trade, that are closely related to the general performance level of the economy.

From statistics of the Kuwait Real Estate Bank it can be realised that the prices of real estate investment rose during 1988 by 15-20 per cent and in some areas by 40-60 per cent. Furthermore, the prices of commercial real estate in most areas of Kuwait increased by 18-29 per cent.

As regards the trade sector, data from local banks indicate that the value of financing Kuwaiti imports increased by 14.3 per cent in 1988 over the previous year, totalling KD1,151 million, leading to expectations of improvement in the momentum of trade activity in the country.

The economic report said that

during 1988, the capital market in Kuwait witnessed several developments in various fields, some of which were the issuance of decisions and regulatory procedures aimed at improving market performance, such as the new clearing system. There were also some local and foreign economic developments that had their effects on market performance in terms of the volume and value of traded shares and the number of transactions.

Following are the most important developments in the capital market in Kuwait during 1988. These developments are represented by highlighting the performance of public and closed shareholding companies, the market activity and factors behind this activity and the procedures and regulations intended to improve the performance level in both share and bond markets during that year.

The official market covers the shares of Kuwaiti public and closed shareholding companies

(43 companies) and the shares of non-Kuwaiti companies (6 companies) listed in the market. The volume of shares traded in this market during 1988 as a whole totalled 2798.7 million shares, the total value of which came to KD710.7 million distributed over 64 thousand transactions, i.e. a decrease of 14.5 per cent in the volume of traded shares, 14.3 per cent in their value and 14.2 per cent in number of transactions below their levels in the previous year.

The application of a new clearing system as from May 28, 1988 helped in activating the momentum of the securities market, leading to increasing the rate of KD-turnover inside the market. Activity was concentrated in the second quarter, particularly in June, when trading constituted 71.9 per cent of the total volume of trading in the whole quarter, following the application of the day-to-day clearing system.

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Easy access sought for petrochemical market

Iraq backs GCC move

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug. 29, (AP): Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Chalabi has joined Gulf leaders who seek easy access for their petrochemical products in European markets, the Al Yawm daily reported today.

The report came on the eve of tomorrow's meeting in Manama of representatives of the situation Gulf Co-operation Council and the European Economic Community.

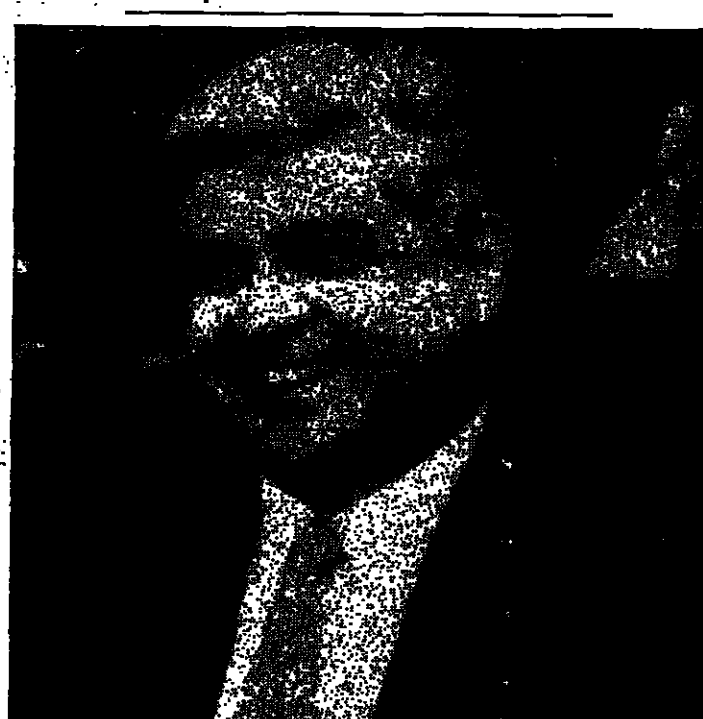
The GCC, which groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates, has been campaigning to overcome EEC protective tariffs.

"We are very much about the attitude of consumer states towards Arab industrial products," Chalabi said in an interview with Al Yawm.

"There should be co-operation and co-ordination in policies to guarantee that Arab products gain markets in full freedom," he added.

"We do not seek preferential treatment in as much as we seek free competition," Chalabi noted.

The conservative Arab countries of the Gulf are striving to break their economic dependence on crude oil exports and expand into oil-related industries, particularly petro-



Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi

chemicals.

Since last August's ceasefire in the eight-year Iran-Iraq war, Baghdad has been building up its industrial sector, including petrochemicals.

Iraq expects to export some 5.4 million tons of liquefied gas and other petrochemical products a year.

Iraq co-operates closely with the GCC, whose member states are moving gradually toward establishing a common market along the lines of the EEC.

The Saudis have developed 15

major petrochemical projects over the last few years. Qatar, exploiting gas deposits in its big North Field offshore, is also driving to boost petrochemical exports.

But the GCC countries have found the development of their petrochemical sector impeded by the EEC tariff system.

A compromise solution could emerge from negotiations for a trade pact between the two blocs under which they would encourage joint petrochemical industries to circumvent the EEC hurdles.

The Manama conference paves the way for a higher-level "industrial dialogue" between the two blocs in Spain next month.

EEC tariffs on GCC petrochemicals now average 13 per cent and the planned dismantling of tariffs in Western Europe in 1992 has heightened GCC concern.

The petrochemical issue mars otherwise strong ties between GCC and EEC countries.

Latest estimates indicate that GCC states imported EEC commodities worth \$14.2 billion compared with US goods worth \$5.6 billion and Japanese goods worth \$5.65 billion. Saudi Arabia alone accounted for 59 per cent of the EEC imports.

Experts to attend APPEC meeting

SINGAPORE, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Soviet Minister of Chemical and Oil Refining Industry N.V. Lennar will deliver a keynote address at the Asia-Pacific Petroleum Conference (APPEC) here to be attended by some 1,000 delegates from more than 40 countries from Sept 11-13.

The other two dignitaries delivering keynote addresses will be Indonesian Minister of Energy and Mines Dr. Gamsjah Kartasusita and Venezuelan Minister of Energy and Mines Celestino Armas.

A spokesman for the conference organisers told KUNA that Bahrain's Minister of Development and Industry Yusuf Al Shirawi was unable to accept an invitation to grace the conference with his presence.

Singapore's Minister of Finance Dr. Richard Hu will officiate at the opening ceremony of the three-day conference, which will bring together distinguished leaders of the oil industry to examine and discuss issues from different perspectives.

Dr. Herman T. Franses, economic adviser, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Sultanate of Oman, will deliver a paper on "the status of OPEC supply."

Oman's Undersecretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals, Salem Bin Mohammed Bin Shabib, will also attend.

Heads of national oil corporations from the US, Britain, China, Japan and Europe will also deliver speeches on current and future oil production, consumption patterns in major exporting and importing countries.

Meanwhile, a specialised publication said oil demand growth resumed at a moderate pace in the second quarter of this year after a dramatic winter slowdown, due to mild weather.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly (PIW) reported that rising oil prices restrained consumption somewhat, especially gasoline use.

Al Khalid returns

KUWAIT, Aug. 29, (KUNA): Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khalid returned home today from Syria after attending the inauguration of the 36th Damascus international fair.

Al Khalid's visit was at the invitation of Syrian Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohammed Al Emadi.



Sheikh Salem

Speculations ruled out

No plan to issue new KD denominations

KUWAIT, Aug. 29, (KUNA): The Central Bank of Kuwait has put in circulation a total of KD367,084 million in various banknotes and coin denominations in fiscal 1988-1989, the bank's Governor Sheikh Salem Abdul Aziz Al Sabah said today.

He told KUNA in an interview the bulk of the Kuwaiti currency banknotes and coins is printed and minted by a reputable London-based company. Only the KD20 banknote is printed in West Germany.

On the issuance of the KD20 denomination, the governor said the need for it arose in view of fast money circulation in the local market particularly in high-volume transactions.

Before the introduction of the KD20, the KD10 denomination accounted for some 80 per cent of the money circulation, Sheikh Salem said.

He, however, denied speculations that the Central Bank was contemplating issuing yet new KD denominations.

Worn-out banknotes are disposed of by the bank with shredders which replaced the older technique of burning, while damaged coins are usually dumped in the sea, he said.

On longevity of banknotes, Sheikh Salem said KD five, 10 and 20 denominations often endure one to 1-1/2 years of circulation while smaller value papers last for less than one year.

He pointed out that a high quality paper is used in printing KD banknotes and said the Central Bank is keen to withdraw from the market destroyed banknotes and coins.

The bank also instructed other banks and money-changers to refrain from such actions that would disfigure banknotes like stamping or writing on them.

Individuals can change destroyed money at the Central Bank, the governor said.

Sheikh Salem, meanwhile, indicated that banknotes bear special marks, visible or otherwise, that make them almost impossible to counterfeit.

Moreover, the inks and the quality paper used in making banknotes are not commercially available, he added.

The Central Bank governor said the introduction of the Kuwaiti dinar to replace the Indian rupee in 1961 was an historic landmark in Kuwait's life as it epitomised the country's independence.

Tourism booms

RABAT, Aug. 29, (Reuters): Morocco is enjoying a boom in tourism, with the number of visitors in the first half of the year rising by a record 45 per cent.

But tourism professionals said the bonanza was badly bedevilled by bureaucracy, bloated bills, bakhshish and the badgering of tourists by guides and hustlers.

A Foreign Ministry statement today said the number of tourists visiting Morocco rose to 1,170,000 in the first six months of 1989 from 800,000 in the same period last year.

In the first three months, tourism earned 1.97 billion dirhams (\$228 million), a rise of 13.5 per cent on the first quarter of 1988.

The ministry said there was a relative decline in the number of tourists going to the southern seaside resort of Agadir "because of the specific conjuncture in certain European countries."

The professional weekly La Vie Touristique describe Agadir as a black spot and said the vast majority of visitors were so dissatisfied they would never go back.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The share market closed higher and brokers said the trend would continue. The All Ordinaries ended 10.8 points up at 1,781.8.

TOKYO: Arbitrageurs playing the market and dealers opening fresh positions buffeted prices until they closed firmer in thin trade. The Nikkei gained 80.24 points to close at 34,687.65.

HONG KONG: Share prices slid below the crucial 2,500 support level with brokers blaming a lack of interest for their decline. The Hang Seng index fell 28.84 to end at 2,487.94.

SINGAPORE: The Straits Times industrial index fell 3.42 points to 1,342.54.

BOMBAY: Small investors, apparently thinking declines of the past two months may have bottomed out, pushed shares sharply higher for the second day in a row. Tata Steel gained 8.75 rupees to 1,233.75.

Dollar see-saws to lower close

LONDON, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The dollar ended lower in Europe today after failing to rally on signs the US economy has been growing faster than economists had previously believed, dealers said.

The US currency had initially dipped on news that West Germany's central bank had raised interest rates on three-day treasury bills. But one Frankfurt dealer described the Bundesbank's action as technical and "cosmetic" rather than dramatic.

The dollar rebounded in Europe's afternoon after the Commerce Department in Washington said US gross national product (GNP) grew a revised 2.7 per cent in the second quarter. That was up from 1.7 per cent reported earlier and at the top end of market expectations.

"The GNP was marginally

Economy grows strongly

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29, (Reuters): The US economy grew at a healthy 2.7 per cent annual rate in the second quarter, a full percentage point higher than estimated a month ago, the government said today.

The new estimate, adjusted for inflation, was at the upper end of analysts' forecasts and should ease fears that the economy is slowing because of the Federal Reserve Board's tight grip on credit.

Higher than previously estimated spending by both consumers and the government accounted for the change in gross national product for the 1.7 per cent growth rate the department estimated on July 27, the Commerce Department said.

The measure of goods and services sold annually stood at a seasonally-adjusted \$4.13 trillion in the quarter.

The rise matched a similar increase in the fourth quarter of 1988.

positive for the dollar," said Earl Johnson of Harris Trust and Saving Bank in Chicago.

"The GNP data showed that fears of a US recession are premature," said a currency trader in Frankfurt. "Now everybody is looking forward to

US jobs data on Friday."

But the dollar failed to sustain its rally and finally edged lower.

Gold bullion firmed to close in London at \$363.75 an ounce after a previous finish, on Friday, of \$360.25.

Seoul ready to help build chemical plant abandoned by Japan

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug. 29, (AP): A team of South Koreans will fly to Tehran tomorrow to explore the possibility of taking over a multi-billion-dollar petrochemical plant abandoned by the Japanese, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

Tehran has asked the South Koreans to take over the project at Bandar Khomeini in southern Iran after Japan's Mitsui conglomerate decided the plant, badly damaged in the Iran-Iraq war, was no longer feasible.

The Iranians are pressing ahead with major plans to expand their petrochemical industry, to cut an annual \$2 billion imports bill and to develop petrochemical exports to boost badly needed foreign currency revenue for post-war reconstruction.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, reported

last week that Seoul had indicated it was willing to help complete the plant, which was started as a joint venture between Iran and Japan in 1973.

The plant was 85 per cent completed before the war broke out in September 1980. The Japanese halted work on its October 1984 after Iraqi air raids.

The South Korean experts will inspect the project during their visit, IRNA said.

The report that the South Koreans were showing interest in reviving the project was seen as an apparent attempt by Tehran to pressure a Mitsui delegation now in Tehran discussing compensation for Iran for the Japanese pullout that could threaten Tokyo's considerable economic links with Iran.

Mitsui and Japan's International Trade Ministry have denied an Iranian government claim that the Japanese have offered

\$1.25 billion in compensation. The Iranians said they had rejected that figure as too low.

A Mitsui spokesman said last week that a compensation package was being discussed, but the final figure would be well below the sum mentioned.

The project was originally costed in 1973 at \$358 million. By 1981, it was pegged at \$4.48 billion.

Mitsui claims that repairing the war damage and competing the project will cost as much as another \$2 billion. Earlier negotiations between Mitsui and Iran's state-run National Petroleum Co., its partner in the project, founded after Mitsui president Hiroshi Watanabe insisted that the plant "cannot be complete."

The Japanese refused an Iranian demand in April that Mitsui share the increased costs needed for repairs.

Indian rupee	18.090
Sri Lankan rupee	8.260
Pakistani rupee	14.360
Bangladesh taka	9.220
US dollar	300.15
Pound sterling	47300
Deutsche mark	15365
UAE dirham	08175
Japanese yen	002090

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	LAPORTE	511.0
ABBEY NAT	48.00	LASMO	516/0
ADT LTD	199/0	LEGAL+GEN	369.0
ALD LYONS	549/0	LLOYDS BK	413.0
AMSTRAD	69/4	LOWRHO	301.0
ARGYLL GP	242/0	LUCAS IND	691/4
ASDA GP	199.0	MAGNET	
BAA	358/0	MARKS*SP	217/0
BATR	474/0	MAXWELL C	191.0
BAT INDS	840.0	MB GROUP	222/0
BARCLAYS	543.0	MECCA LEI	169/0
BASSE	083.0	NAT WEST	358.0
BEAZER	163/0	NEXT	133/0
BERISFORD	162.0	NTH FOODS	352/0
BET COR	315/0	P & O DFD	67.5
BICE PLC	548.0	PEARL	518.0
BLUE ARW	12.38	PEARSON	778.0
BLUE CIRC	247.0	PILKINGTON	256.0
BOC GP	529/0	PLESSEY	265.0
BOOTS CO	301/0	RACAL ELC	214.0
BPB INDS	269.0	RACAL TEL	343.0
BR BHM	169.0	RANK HVS	458.0
BR AIRWAY	209.0	RANK INTL	936/0
BR AEROSP	685/0	ROCKITTY-CO	250.0
BR GAS RG	204.0	REDLAND	520.0
BR LAND	378.0	REED	462.0
B.P.	303.0	RWC GRP	709/0
BR STEEL	77.5	REUTERS	966/0
BR TELCOM	260/0	RTZ CORP.	555.0
BUNZL	150.0	ROLLS ROY	185/0
BURMAH OL	650/0	ROTHMAN B	668/0
BURTON	266.0	ROYAL INS	448.0
CABLESWIR	578.0	SAAATCHI	311/0
CADBURY'S	418.0	SAINSBURY	291.0
CALOR GRP	423.0	SEARS	128.0
CRITN COM	898.0	SEDEGWICK	255/0
CRITN R.T	880/0	SHELL	428.0
COOKSON'S	871.0	SIEBE	547.0
COURTAUD	31.61	SLOUGH ES	377.0
DAL GETY	409.0	SMITH IND	303.0
DIXONS	67.50	SMITH+NEPH	40.00
ENG CHINA	469.0	STO. CHART	560.0
ENTER OIL	590/0	STV	54.0
FKI PLC	127/0	STORENHE	167/0
FERRANTI	70.0	SUN ALFA	327.0
FISONS	349/0	SUN LIFE	075.0
GATEWAY	234.0	TARMAC	281/0
GEN ACCID	037.0	TATE&LYLE	277.0
GEN ELEC	263.0	TYLR WOOD	285/0
GENO	557/0	TI GROUP	476/0
ANADA	355/0	TRAF HSE	389.0
VED	198.0	TSB	113.0
VED	312/0	T + N	255/0
VED	462.0	TRUSTHSE	345.0
WNESS	582.0	ULTRAMAR	338.0
WNESS	790.0	UNILEVER	669.0
HANSON W	229/4	UTD WNSPR	495.0
HANSON W	54.0	WELLCOM	690.0
HARRISN C	175.0	WHTRD IN	387.0
HUKER SID	741.0	WILLIAMS	268.0
HILLSDOPE	306/0	WILLIS FB	217.0
INCANCA	289/0	WINPEY GE	267/0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
ALCLCE	041/0	041/0
AL GROUP	134/0	134/0
AMER TS	504/0	503/0
B.ELECT	395/0	393/0
B.HLD	276/0	277/0
KENT	128/0	128/0
H.HLD	402/0	403/0
BRONSON	86/0	86/0
INVEST	38.0	37.0
WEST	197/0	197/0
EX WRKH	238/0	238/0
EXOM	421/0	423/0
LD COLL	180/0	180/0
LD IR B	168/0	169/0
LD LON	151/0	151/0
LD PART	75/4	76/0
LD TEXT	387/0	386/0
LIANCE	170/0	169/0
BERDAY	66/6	67/4
REC	455/0	453/0
HER TST	175/0	173/0
ERSHMAN	468/0	469/0
EL BLTHC	407/0	407/0
GLIA ST	119/0	120/0
GLIA ST	302/0	301/0
SBACHK	76/0	76/0
PLAYARD	163/0	163/0
LD LON	171/0	171/0
THOODS	492/0	492/0
ST REED	416/0	415/0
TO SECS	275/0	275/0
TESCO	142/0	141/0
ST EUR	585.0	581.0
ON RUBB	499/0	498/0
MEHILL	282/0	281/0
COBCKOC	65/0	64/4
LILL JAP	616/0	616/0
LILL SHI	106/0	106/0
LD TRC (W)	264/0	264/0
LITRIC	161/0	160/0
KIM IRE	231/0	232/0
INKER IT	99/4	99/0
RDON GP	199/0	198/0
RDV DEV	173/0	173/0
YNES C.	33/0	33/0
A GROUP	225/0	224/0
AR BRND	11/4	11/4
ATTIE J	142/0	142/0
HAVEN	54/4	56/0
LLWAY	180/0	180/0
WROSE	244/0	243/0
PHLOX HO	56/0	56/0
CKLEY	178/0	179/0
LEY GROUP	145/0	145/0
CO OF	108/0	109/0
CK LE 2	8/6	8/2
GROUP	524/0	523/0
NETT +F	96/0	97/0
DDINGTON	187/0	188/0
Y SHOP	450/0	453/0
OFFER.	603/0	662/0

DOT HENR	500/0	498/
USTED	69/4	70/
R ARROW	127/0	128/
R ASSETS	87/0	87/

DR DREGG	162/0	161/0
RENT CHE	150/0	150/0
R VITA	292/0	292/0
RENT WKR	409/0	411/0
RITON	206/0	208/0
RITAIN SE	182/0	181/0
RITANNIC	493/0	494/0
RIXTON E	266/0	266/0
ROB AND JAC	44/4	44/4
ROBURN S	345/0	345/0
RTANT GP	95/0	96/0
SG INTL	84/4	84/4
LDGENS	117/0	116/0
LULLHOUGH	142/0	142/0
LULMER HP	181/0	182/0
LAIRD GRP	548/0	550/0
LADONIA	394/0	393/0
LEAME ELEC	205/0	205/0
LEAFHURST	280/0	280/0
LEAHING W	282/0	282/0
LENNON ST	228/0	229/0
LEAD RADIO	920/0	920/0
LEBARO	340/0	340/0
LEBULL EN	137/0	138/0
LEWIS MD	66/0	67/0
LULLDOWN	11/0	11/0
LENTL TV	805/4	808/0
LEHARTHERA	212/0	216/0
LECHLORIDE	37/4	38/0
LEHRSTES	329/0	330/0
LE GROUP	49/0	50/0
LETTYSVIN	264/0	199/0
LEW PK LAW	295/0	292/0
LENTREL SEC	56/0	56/0
LENTREL OIL	147/0	148/0
LEALITE	475/0	478/0
LEOROLL	146/4	148/0
LEONNELLS	184/0	185/0
LEDOPER F	172/0	172/0
LEOSTRAIN	316/0	317/0
LEKURTS PR	183/0	185/0
LEWIE CT	127/0	127/0
LEWIS RH	216/0	217/0
LEWIS INT	224/0	224/0
LEWYCRYSTAL	85/0	85/0
LEWYTRYP	225/0	225/0
LEWYYS NW		135/0
LEWES EST	32/2	32/4
LEWIS DGS	174/0	175/0
LEWYV CORP	263/0	264/0
LEWELSON GP	95/0	95/0
LEWENHES	344/0	343/0
LEWEMIRST	39/0	39/0
LEWIPLOHA	182/0	182/0
LEWOMPAS GR	101/4	101/4
LEWONGINGH	386/0	385/0
LEWYGRP	290/0	291/0
LEWYATYN FE	469/0	470/0
LEWYATTON C	578/4	578/0
LEWYRG	573/0	591/0

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HALMA	183/O	182,
HAMMERSON	851/O	855,

ATHATH L	61/0	61/0
HAZELWOOD	268/0	268/0
HEATHEN (C)	471/0	472/0
HEATHLECE	33/0	33/4
HELIICAL B	349/0	349/0
HEMPHORTH	288/0	287/0
HESTAIR	230/0	230/0
HEYWOOD W	284/0	285/0
HICKSIN L	270/0	270/0
HIMBRO CTY	40/0	40/0
HIMBRO STP	225/0	226/0
HOLMES PR	163/0	163/0
HOLMES PR	82/0	82/0
HOKOMEN G	166/0	167/0
HOKOMEN G	74/0	75/0
HODGKINS	153/0	153/0
HODGKINS	113/0	113/0
HODGKINS	113/0	113/0
HODGKINS	380/0	381/0
HODGKINS	648/0	648/0
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HODGKINS	207/0	207/0
HODGKINS	25/0	25/0
HODGKINS	370/0	371/0
HODGKINS	247/0	248/0
HODGKINS	144/0	143/0
HODGKINS	281/0	282/0
HODGKINS	263/0	263/0
HODGKINS	104/0	103/0

PROV FINL	333/0	33
RAINE IND	101/4	10
RANSOMES	211/0	21
RATNERS	255/0	25

RCMDM QED	84/0	83/5
RECIAM EVR	680/0	685/0
REFUGAL GP	529/0	529/0
REGFLON GP	105/0	105/0
REGMTCRST	102/0	103/0
RENOLD	167/4	168/7
RENTOKI7	372/3	373/0
ROBINSON	451/0	450/0
ROCKFORT	91/0	90/0
ROSENHAUG	692/0	693/0
ROTSCHELD	220/0	220/0
ROTOKR	178/8	178/8
RUGBY GRP	189/0	189/0
RUTLAND T	38/0	38/0
SAGA GRP	296/0	296/0
SALE TINY	220/0	220/0
SALVESEN	155/0	156/0
SAVILLE G	65/0	63/0
SAVOY "NA"	883/0	880/0
SCOT T.T.	170/0	170/0
SCOT NET	165/0	166/0
SCOT MORT	143/3	143/3
SCOT, AM.I	120/0	121/0
SCOT.E.II	189/0	189/0
SCT NAT C	69/0	69/0
SCT NAT I	95/0	95/0
SCT NAT W	71/0	71/0
SECS STS	20/4	20/4
SELCTV TP	15/4	15/4
SENA GRP	377/0	377/0
SHANDWICK	141/0	141/0
SHANKENCK	505/0	505/0
SHERATON	81/0	81/0
SHIRE INV	251/0	252/0
SINGER ENG	71/0	71/0
SINCE&FR	147/0	146/0
SUV, OGBAS	194/0	194/0
SPRING RAM	107/0	108/0
SPRKE-SARC	248/0	248/0
ST. ANDREW	246/0	246/0
ST. WOODEN	116/0	115/0
STEINBERG	119/0	115/0
STEELY	419/0	420/0
STENRO PD	218/0	218/0
STODDARD	40/0	40/0
STORNGUARD	17/4	17/4
STURGE HD	260/0	262/0
T.I.P., EU	183/0	185/0
T.T.EES TV	462/0	
TELEPHRAC	47/0	47/0
TEMPLE BA	273/0	274/0
THAMES TV	552/0	550/0
THORNTONS	142/0	142/0
THROGHTN	87/0	87/0
TIE RACK	76/4	74/4
TILBURY	626.0	632.0
TIME PROD	184/0	184/0
TRINOCO	34/0	34/0
TRIPLEX	178/0	178/0
TRITON ER	191/0	191/0
TRSPRY DV	285/0	286/0
TSB C I	185/0	
TURRIFF	388/0	

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NAME	OPEN MID-DAY
BSCCH CON	43/5 43
ATLANTIC R	105/7 106
AR CORP	34/3 34
ABBOTT LAB	63/7 63
CLYDE CLVD	11/2 11
UD MICRO	8/5 8
DEROFUL LAB	4/1 4
LIFE LIFE	58/1 58
PR-CH	22/1 22
LA AIR	27/6 28
LBERSTONS	53/6 53
LBMA 8-16	0 90
LCAN ALUM	24/2 24
STAND	34/5 34
IN CAP SEC	21/7 21
M CYANID	57/0 57
M FAMILY	18/3 18
M HOK PR	100/3 100
M STORES	69/6 69
M TEL-TEL	40/1 40
MAXCO CORP	28/4 28
PPC INC	46/2 46
MPICO INC	0 151
NR CORP	81/6 81
NR GEN CO	37/2 37
MERKERADE HE	40/3 40
INTELIN ELE	13/3 12
PAPACHE CP	14/3 14
PART 8-12	0 89
STRONG	37/5 37
SHLND OIL	38/3 38
ASIA PACIF	12/7 12
ERY INT	27/4 27
WNET INC	25/2 25
UNION PRODS	36/6 36
WELLSOUTH	50/7 51
FIELD CP A	38/4 38
EVERELY	8/5 8
LA-DECKER	23/0 23
KM BOSTON	29/7 29
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KM H-NYK	52/4 52
KM TR-NY	52/2 52
KAMERICA	33/0 33
DEISE CO	54/7 55
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ORDEN	74/3 74
ONATER	29/5 29
R TELECOM	41/4 41
TRIGGS-STR	27/6 27
RISIST-MYR	49/5 49
RUNSWICK	17/4 17
3 INC	0 17
HUB G-EL	22/7 22
ROD CORP	39/0 39
RESARS NO	39/1 39
A FREIGHT	29/0 29

GEN ELECT	58/
GEN HOST	8/
GEN HOUSEWR	10/
GEN INSTR	31/

GLEN HILLS	70/4
GEM MOTORS	47/5
GENCORP	17/5
GENETECH	19/0
GENUINE PA	41/3
GEQ P47-80	81/0
GEORGICAL	59/0
GIER FL PAC	*15
GOLDEN NUG	33/2
GOODRICH	62/4
GOODYEAR	53/6
GRACE WR	37/5
GRAINGER	63/2
GREYHOUND	35/6
GRIMMAN	20/3
GULF RES-C	10/1
HALLBURTN	39/7
HALLWOOD	5/2
HANDELMAN	18/0
HANNA MIN	29/6
HARMON	17/3
HARRIS CP	35/1
HECLA MIN	13/2
HEINZ HJ	61/5
HEL CORTIS	31/1
HELM-PAYNE	30/3
HERCULES	69/4
HEWL-PACK	51/7
HEXCEL CP	29/1
HILLENBRND	38/7
HILTN HTLS	105/6
HITACHI	112/2
HNMSTKE HIN	13/3
HNDY-HARM	17/0
HOIDEY C	80/6
HOME DEPOT	34/4
HOMERFED	43/2
HONDA MOTR	27/2
HONDA TRK	50/2
HOUSTON HI	41/4
HOUSTON IN	33/7
HUGHES SUP	19/6
HUMANA INC	58/4
IBM	118/2
INC PHARMA	6/0
ILL-PUR CO	16/3
ILLIN 4-08	20/4
INDIA GRO	16/1
INGERSLL-RW	49/0
JEFF PILOT	58/2
JER PU 8-5	0
JOHNSON CO	58/4
JOHNSN-JNS	51/2
K MART CP	43/0
KAN CT P-L	33/5
KELLWOOD	33/6
KERR MCGEE	50/0
KEYSTONE	18/7
KIMB-CLARK	68/4
KLN R D AI	26/4
KIN RID MNS	57/2
KROGER CP	18/3
LEA RONAL	17/6

58/6 N STA PWR
8/6 NAT INTERG
10/4 NBI CORP
31/5 NCR CORP
HWA ENG. FI

70/75 NEW ENG EL
47/7 NEW PLA RE
17/5 NEWELL CO
18/7 NEWMONT MI
41/3 NEWMYTH GLD
80/0 NI MOH6-10
59/1 NI MOH7-72
*16 NICOLETE IN
33/3 NICOR INC
62/1 NI INDS
53/6 NIOBLE AFF
37/2 NORD RESOU
63/3 NORTHPRO
20/3 NORTON
10/5 NOVO NORD
40/0 NUCOR CORP
5/2 OAK INDS
18/0 OCC PETROCK
29/6 OCEAN DRILL
17/1 ODESSA CORP
35/3 OH ED CO
13/3 OLIN CORP
61/7 ORION PICT
31/1 PAINE WEBB
30/3 PAN AM
49/2 PAMHANDLE
52/0 PARK ELECT
29/2 PARKER HAN
38/7 PARKER DRI
05/6 PATRICK PET
12/6 PC INDS-96
13/4 PENN CENTR
80/6 PENNZOIL
43/1 PEOPLES EN
27/1 PERKIN-ELM
85/2 PFIZER
41/4 PHILIPS DOD
33/6 PHILIPS P
19/5 PHARMACE
38/5 PITTSBORG
18/0 PITTSBURG
6/0 POLAROID
16/3 PORTLAND GE
20/4 PPG INDS
15/7 PRIME COMP
49/0 PRIME INNS
38/4 PRIMERICA
88/1 PROCTER GH
51/2 PUGET SP-L
38/4 PULTE HOME
33/3 QUAKER OAT
33/5 QUAKER COR
30/4 QUANTUM CH
35/0 RALS PURIN
19/0 RAMANDA INN
68/6 RAMGER OIL
25/0 RAYCHEM
57/5 RAYMARK
18/3 REAYTHEME
17/5 REYNOLD ME

30/7	30/7	SEAR
19/6	19/3	SEAR
1/7	1/7	SEAR
64/6	64/6	SERV
36/6	36/7	SA

17/06	25/1	SACR
17/06	17/1	SHELL
44/4	44/6	SHER-P
40/1	40/5	SHER-P
34/2	34/2	SHIT-I
0	62/5	SNAP OF
78/0	78/2	SOMAT
10/7	10/7	SOUTHER
40/7	41/0	SPAIN I
26/4	26/6	SPERRY
12/7	14/6	SQUARE
12/2	12/1	SQUIBB
24/7	25/0	STONE C
58/6	59/0	SUN I
66/2	65/2	SUNDST
1/2	1/3	SUPER-I
29/6	29/6	SOUTHWI
22/0	22/1	SWI GAS
32/6	32/6	SWI BEL
22/5	22/6	TCEY EN
67/7	67/6	TDK
9/3	9/3	TECO EN
21/2	21/2	TEKTRON
22/5	22/7	TELEDYN
4/0	4/0	TENNECC
28/5	28/7	TERADY
13/4	13/4	TESORO
7/5	7/4	TEXACO
31/2	31/3	TEXAS I
6/5	6/6	TEXAS I
0	96/0	TEXAS U
28/0	27/6	THOMAS
82/1	82/2	THOMAS
23/2	23/2	TIMEX
60/1	60/3	TIMEX
28/0	27/7	TIMKEN
68/3	68/2	TORCHMA
72/0	72/0	TOSCO
61/5	61/4	TRANSAM
28/0	28/0	TRANSCO
12/6	12/6	TRANSCO
46/3	54/4	TRAVELL
19/6	20/0	TRINITY
46/7	47/2	TU CORP
43/5	43/6	UJL CORP
32/4	12/4	UTO BRAC
36/3	36/5	UTO TREC
21/7	21/0	UNLEVEH
17/3	21/4	UNION C
16/2	17/3	UNION C
63/7	63/7	USK-COP
36/5	46/5	US-NEST
90/5	90/5	US-AIR
5/6	16/4	VACERO
57/7	57/7	VACERO
50/1	0	VAN INT
50/1	80/3	VARNAC
59/1	59/1	VAL NARY

CO	82/0	82/0
EN	20/0	20/0
ROE	44/6	44/7
ORF	18/3	18/4
BAC	26/1	26/1

POC	24/2	24/2
POC	43/2	41/2
LOU	73/0	78/0
LOU	33/3	33/1
OFF	15/0	13/0
OFF	35/4	35/5
WNC	41/4	41/5
WNC	27/6	27/5
WNC	17/1	17/1
WNC	17/7	17/1
D	60/3	60/3
CONF	30/2	30/1
CONF	38/0	38/0
INTAND	73/0	7/0
INTAND	29/6	29/6
INTAND	27/5	27/5
INTAND	18/6	18/5
L	56/0	56/0
INT	24/2	24/3
INT	40/0	41/1
INT	26/4	26/4
INT	67/3	68/1
INT	31/3	61/2
INT	11/2	11/2
INT	49/6	55/5
INT	39/1	39/1
INT	31/6	32/6
INT	0	19/0
COOR	9/3	9/3
COOR	139/0	139/4
COOR	37/4	37/4
COOR	47/3	45/1
COOR	21/3	21/3
COOR	35/5	35/5
COOR	45/3	45/3
COOR	49/0	48/6
EX	13/0	12/7
EX	43/0	42/6
EX	42/7	42/7
EX	37/4	37/5
EX	19/1	19/1
EX	282/0	282/0
EX	16/0	16/1
EX	55/1	55/3
EX	73/1	73/1
EX	40/3	40/5
EX	28/2	28/3
EX	35/3	35/3
EX	71/0	71/3
EX	50/6	50/5
EX	16/1	16/1
EX	1/2	1/3
EX	5/7	5/7
EX	27/5	27/5
EX	56/1	56/2
EX	7/7	7/7
EX	41/7	42/3

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1972.7	1981.0 1981.0	1707.9	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	27.03	27.03 27.03	1182.7	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1212.11	1212.11 1212.11	1076.15	926.59
FT GOV SEC	87.01	87.14 87.14	87.30	87.03
FT GOLD MN	194.90	197.00 197.00	190.2	161.9
FT MINES F	717.26	717.26 717.26	653.25	565.31
FT OIL	2199.5	2199.5 2199.5	1978.9	1725.4
FT WLD DLG	151.61	152.27 152.44	141.17	139.21
FT WLD STR	143.43	143.61 143.96	123.81	115.30

London Stock Market Report

UK SHARES WEAK, STOREHOUSE FIRM AFTER STAKE SALE

LONDON, AUG. 29. REUTER - SHARE PRICES IN LATE TRADING REMAINED FLAT AND NEAR THE DAY'S LOWS IN MODERATE ACTIVITY THAT REFLECTED MODERATE PROFIT-TAKING IN A MARKET UNSURE OF ITS NEAR-TERM DIRECTION.

DEALERS SAID THE LATEST CONFEDERATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRY SURVEY, WHICH FORECAST A SLOWER PACE OF GROWTH NEXT YEAR IN U.K. MANUFACTURING OUTPUT, CONTRIBUTED TO THE EASIER TRADE.

STOREHOUSE WAS 11P HIGHER AT 147 ON A TWO-WAY TRADE OF 38.3 MLN SHARES IN WHICH A PARCEL OF 14 MLN SHARES CHANGED HANDS, PROMPTING SPECULATION ABOUT THE SELLER AND BUYER OF THE STOCK.

BY 1524 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 15.4 POINTS DOWN AT 2,382.0.

DEALERS SAID THE STOREHOUSE STAKE WAS REMOURED TO HAVE CHANGED HANDS AT BETWEEN 145 TO 165P PER SHARE.

MARKET TALK HELD THAT THE BLOCK HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY ONE PURCHASER, WITH ROBERT MAXWELL, WHO OWNS AROUND 14 MLN SHARES, AS THE FAVOURED SELLER AND BURTON THE POSSIBLE BUYER.

OPINION IN THE MARKET WAS DIVIDED AS TO WHETHER BURTON WOULD WISH TO TAKE ON THE STAKE AS A PRELUDE TO BID. "THEY'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY SIZEABLE CLOTHING RETAILER THAT HAS THE MANAGEMENT SKILLS TO TURN STOREHOUSE AROUND," ONE ANALYST SAID.

U.S. ENTREPRENEUR ASHER EDELMAN, WHO HOLDS 8.13 PCT OF STOREHOUSE, WAS ALSO A REMOURED SELLER, DEALERS ADDED.

London Gold

LONDON, AUG 29, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES ADVANCED DURING LATE TRADING, BOUNCING FROM EARLY AFTERNOON 11-WEEK LOWS, AND CLOSED FIRMER.

SPOT GOLD FINISHED AT THE DAY'S HIGH OF 363.50/364.00 DLRs AN OUNCE, UP FROM AN OPENING 359.50/360.00 AND FRIDAY'S CLOSE OF 360.00/360.50 DLRs.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET CAPITALISED ON AN INCONCLUSIVE FALL BELOW THE KEY 360 DLR SUPPORT LEVEL, WITH SHORTCOVERING AND TECHNICAL BUYING ENCOURAGED BY A LATE DOLLAR DOWNTURN.

CONDITIONS WERE MOSTLY ROUTINE, DESPITE PRICES DIPPING TO AROUND 358.50 DLRs AT ONE POINT, AMID OPTIONS-RELATED ACTIVITY.

London Money Market

LONDON, AUG 29, REUTER - THE U.K. MONEY MARKET CLOSED GENERALLY 1/16 POINT FIRMER, WITH SHORT DATES 1/16 PCT AS TRADERS RESPONDED TO WHAT THEY SAW AS THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S ATTEMPTS TO HOLD STERLING STEADY ON THE CURRENCY MARKETS.

"SHORT DATES ARE FIRM BECAUSE OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND'S POLICY OF KEEPING THE MARKETS SHORT OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS," A MONEY BROKER SAID.

THERE WAS GROWING EXPECTATION BASE RATES WOULD STAY AT 14 PCT INTO 1990 AS DEALERS NOTED LAST WEEK'S WORSE THAN EXPECTED TRADE DATA AND RECENT REPORTS FROM THE BANK OF ENGLAND AND THE CBI EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION SAYING BASE RATES WOULD BE STEADY.

Foreign Exchange

	DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPN
DLR	-----	1.5775/85	1.9663/70	6.5570/00	NOON
STG	1.5785/95	-----	3.0725/60	10.3335/3680	NOON
DMK	1.9425/9505	3.067/081	-----	29.595/755	FIX
FFR	6.545/557	10.3455/3635	336.7/7.34	-----	FIX
SFR	1.6767/6777	2.6445/6477	86.09/18	25.55/58	NOON
HFL	2.1890	3.4645	112.725	33.45	FIX
EDU	1.06730	0.675848	2.07675	6.99881	CLSE
SCR	1.24710	N.A.	2.44930	8.25019	CLSE
YEN	143.6/7	226.67/98	-----	-----	NOON
	SDR RATE	28/08/1989	OTHERS	29/08/1989	

Morgan Stanley Capital International Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR	
AUSTRALIA	354.50	352.70	349.40	303.8	259.3
AUSTRIA	399.30	394.80	388.90	327.1	215.4
BELGIUM	469.20	469.20	468.00	456.4	260.2
CANADA	431.60	432.50	428.40	404.1	350.7
DENMARK	731.40	734.50	733.30	741.0	336.6
FRANCE	534.20	539.60	533.90	493.9	288.5
GERMANY	252.40	252.90	251.20	231.2	156.6
HONG KONG	1873.6	1873.6	1882.2	1707.0	1644.3
FINLAND	122.80	124.40	123.90	126.2	108.1
ITALY	567.90	567.10	560.50	504.4	377.4
JAPAN	1538.6	1547.6	1553.6	1444.5	1022.3
HOLLAND	334.10	336.80	334.70	313.4	215.9
NEW ZEAL	115.00	116.20	117.50	93.2	98.9
NORWAY	819.00	821.90	819.30	801.6	392.4
SPORE	768.90	773.50	774.30	753.4	473.1
SPAIN	275.10	271.90	270.20	260.0	209.5
SWEDEN	1487.5	1476.4	1445.7	1349.8	856.8
SWITZER	239.90	239.60	239.00	207.2	140.7
U K	719.30	719.30	715.30	648.8	515.7
U S A	323.90	322.50	317.20	292.9	229.4
WORLD	536.40	538.80	539.20	549.3	408.0
E A F E	964.80	973.70	973.40	1009.0	757.5

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Wall Street Statistics "Composite"

NYSE HIGHEST VOLUME				AMEX HIGHEST VOLUME			
TEKACO	50	+	1/2	WANG LAB B	5 7/8	+	1/4
AMER MED	25		3/8	TEXAS AIR	22 7/8	+	7/8
CAN-PACIF	23 3/8	+	7/8	SOLAR CO	15 1/8	+	8 3/8
AMR CORP	87 5/8	+	6 3/8	FRUIT LOON	15	+	1/8
WARNER COM	64 3/4	-	1/4	ANDRAH, CP	15	+	1/8
UPJOHN	37 3/4	+	3/8	ECRO BAY	16 1/8	+	3/8
SMITHKLN B	42 5/8	+	7/8	FOREST-LAB	36 1/8	+	5/8
OXY PETE	29 7/8	+	1/8	IBM SCORE	14 7/8	+	1/8
FIRST CAP	13 3/8	+	7/8	TELESPIHERE	3 3/4	+	3/8
MYLAN LABS	13 3/4	-	1/8	DIASONICS	3 15/16	+	17/16

NYSE LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE			AMEX LARGEST PER CENT CHANGE		
BANNER IND	14 1/2	+ 1 1/8	NOREX AMER	4 3/4	+ 7/8
ORIENT EXP	6 1/2	+ 1/2	BANK BLDG	4 3/8	+ 5/8
AMR CORP	87 5/8	+ 6 3/8	K K W SYS	5	+ 5/8
FORESTD B	5	- 3/4	ROLAR CO	17 7/8	- 8 3/8
LOWAS NETT	12	- 2 1/8	GUNDLE ENV	16 1/8	- 1 3/4

NYSE VOLUME		AMEX VOLUME	
STOCKS UP	80,199,040	5,607,960	
STOCKS DOWN	629	264	
STOCKS DOWN	653	196	

28-AUG NASDAQ VOLUME 100,242,200

Wall Street Week - 17

Wall Street Market Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (Reuters): Wall Street blue chips were marginally lower while in the broader market advances just held declines in quiet, uninspired trading.

The Dow was off three points at 2740 while advances held a narrow lead over declines in the broader market.

Traders said some anxiety ahead of Friday's US August jobs report kept investors out of the market.

"The market is holding up fairly well," said Daniel Williams, head trader at Dillon, Read and Co. "The economic numbers due out at the end of the week are keeping some people on the sidelines," he added.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

ARAB TIMES, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1989

International Bond Highlights

LONDON: The Bank of England said it will buy up to 400 mln stg of medium dated gilt stock in a reverse auction to be held September 29.

Stockholm: Sweden's second bond auction since the lifting of foreign exchange regulations last July resulted in an average yield of 10.98 pct on the two billion crown 11 year issue, the national debt office said.

Zurich: Japan's Vva Home Co Ltd is issuing 200 mln Swiss francs in convertible notes with an indicated coupon of 1/2 pct and par pricing, lead manager Nomura Bank (Switzerland) Ltd said.

London: Babco Overseas Ltd is issuing a 75 mln Ecu three-year Eurobond with a nine pct coupon priced at 101-3/4 pct, lead manager Merrill Lynch Europe Ltd said.

Tokyo: The National Bank of Hungary plans to sign on September 11 for a 15 billion yen, 10-year Sastural bond issue, capital market sources here said.

Tokyo: Japanese investors bought a net 4.57 billion dlrs in foreign bonds through domestic and foreign securities houses in July, down from 9.99 billion in June, the Japan securities dealers association said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	DIFF	32.50	34	33.75	MAT ORG	---	---	---
ACC	262	265	259.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ALUM CHEM	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ALUM BIS	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ARI FAR	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ASHOK LEY	67.50	65	68.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ASIA PAINT	205	203.75	205	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ATLAS COF	38	35	37.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
AUTO CORP	---	72	74	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BAJAJ AUTO	325	330	332.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BAJAJ RAYON	600	612.50	617.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BE BOND	85	84	85	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BLOM PLAST	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BOM DYE	124	127	125.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BSE INDEX	710.48	714.34	710.48	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
BURR-MEL	187.50	185	190	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CANVARA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CEN SPS	2750	2750	2775	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CEN SPS	2035	2040	2070	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
COLGATE	313.75	317.50	317.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
CROMT GR	---	1260	1310	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DCM	11.50	10.50	11.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DEEP FERT	29.50	29	30	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
DUNLOP	80	78	80	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ET HOTELS	58	57	58	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ESKORTS	71.50	71.50	72	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ESKAYET	111.25	112.50	111.25	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
ESSAR SPS	29.25	30.50	30.35	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SPS	156.25	158.75	158.75	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FORBES	48.75	47.75	50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GAR POLY	68	67.50	68.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GE SHIPPING	39.25	39.75	39.50	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
GLINDIA	89.50	91.50	91	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
NAT. INDEX	369.18	372.92	369.18	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	244.0
ALLIANZ VR	2126.0
BADEMERK	226.0
BASF	299.0
BAYER	309.3
BAYER HYP	400.0
BAYER VER	387.0
BBC	515.0
BRF	437.0
BWM	602.5
COMMERZB	252.5
CONTI GUMM	309.0
DATHEM-BEN	838.0
DEUTSC-BEN	664.5
DLM	560.0
DOUGLAS-ND	670.0
DRESCHER B	352.0
DT BARDOCK	217.0
FAZ INDEX	658.50
FELDMANN	434.0
GOLDSCHEID	453.0
HARPER	458.0
HOFMEIST AG	298.0
HOFMEIST	242.5
HORTEN	279.5
KALI SALZ	216.0
KARSTADT	595.2
KLOEFF-H	513.0
KLOEFF W	193.0
KLOEFF W	161.5
LIENDE	794.0
LUFTHANSA	199.0
MAN	351.5
MANNESMAN	257.5
MERCEDES	695.0
METALLGES	460.0
MINDOR PF	354.0
NORSK HYD	43.60
PHILIP KOP	565.0
PORSCHE	834.5
PREUSSAG	304.5
PMA	325.0
RHEINMETAL	431.0
RNE	344.0
RUE P	290.5
SALAMANDER	390.0
SCHERING	780.0
SEL	339.0
SIEMENS	592.7
THYSSEN	239.0
VARTA	408.0
VEBA	349.0
VEW	191.3
VOLKSWAGEN	483.6

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	13.90
CATHAY	8.00
CAVENISH	317
CHUNG K	7.95
CHINA L-P	11.60
DAIRY FARM	7.05
EVERGO IND	2.05
GT EAGLE	0
H S INDEX	487.97
HACCO	19
HANG LUNG	4.50
HENDERSON	4.97
HK BANK	5.65
HK ELEC	7.40
HK GAS	16.80
HK LAND	7.55
HK TELECOM	4.70
HK S HOTEL	4.55
HOPEWELL	2.65
HS BANK	19.60
HUTCHINSON	8.10
HYTAN DEV	1.25
JAR NATH	19.70
JSH	11.50
KH BUS	6.90
LAI SUN	121
MIDNIGHT O	5.80
NEW WORLD	9.40
PAUL & SON	9.6
SHK PROP	10.50
STELUX	2.35
SWIRE A	14.30
TAI CHEUNG	3.82
TV-B	0.93
UNIFAC	7.45
WINDOR	8.60
WORLD INTL	3.47

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2870
AKAI ELEC	750
AKAI	1320
ASAHI GLS	2360
ASAHI OPT	1090
BANK TOKYO	1770
BRIDGESTON	1750
CANON	1780
CASIO COMP	1420
CHUGAI PHM	2270
CITIZEN W	1140
D-ICHI KAN	3530
DAI NIPPON	895
DAI NIPPON	2400
DAI NIPPON	1380
DAI NIPPON	958
DAICEL	1090
DAIWA SEC	2190
EBARA MFG	2230
ETSAI	2190
FUJITSU	1590
FUJITSU	3690
FUJITSU	4650
FUJITSU	1870
FUJITSU CP	1820
HITACHI	1610
HONDA MOT	1940
ISUZU	3190
ITO YOKADO	4330
JAP SYN RU	1260
JAPAN AIR	17100
JAPAN MET	1110
KAIJIMA	2100
KANSAI EL	4590
KAO SOAP	1880
KAWASAKI H	1060
KAWASAKI S	861
KIRIN BEV	1960
KONATSU	1230
KUBOTA LTD	1240
KYOCERA	5720
MAKITA EL	2130
MARUI	3330
MATSUDA EI	2400
MATSUDA EL	0
MEIJI SEIK	1120
MITSUB CP	1590
MITSUB EL	1110
MITSUB HYV	1160
MITSUBI	1100
MITSUBUSHI	2400
MITSUBUSHI	1050
NICHICON	1690
NIPPON CHMT	1230
NIPKO SEC	1840
NIP ELEC	1900
NIP KOKKAN	790
NIP OIL	1460
NIP STEEL	805
NIP TUSEN	1030
NIS MOTOR	1530
NOMURA SEC	3110
OHSA CO	1250
OLYMPUS	1550
PENTA OCN	1360
PIONEER	4350
RENOWN	1220
RICOH	1260
SANKYO	2950
SAIYO ELEC	876
SAIYO ST	2360
SEKISUI PB	2290
SHARP	1420
SHISEIDO	2010
SONY	8910
SUMITOMO	1510
TAISEI	1560
TAISHO HRN	1420
TAKEDA CH	2540
TEIJIN	945
TKD NEW IX	615.63
TOKIO HRN	2100
TOKYO ELEC	1210
TOKYO GAS	1070
TOKYO POWR	5900
TORAY IND	1010
TOSHIBA EL	1320
TOTO	2600
TOYO KKOGY	1060
TOYOTA MOT	2640
YAMADA	1450
YAMAICHI	1780
YAMAMOTO	3770
YAMAZAKI	1820

INFLATION

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL
PRODUCER PRICES	+0.4 PCT	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.2 PCT
MOSE TRADE	-8.26 BLN	-10.08 BLN	-8.17 BLN	9/15

C/A BAL OF PAYMENT

3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
-29.17 BLN	-32.02 BLN	-28.38 BLN	-27.72 BLN
3RD QTR	4TH QTR	1ST QTR	2ND QTR
+2.5 PCT	+2.4 PCT	+3.7 PCT	+2.7 PCT
GNP	GNP	GNP	GNP
+5.3 PCT	+4.2 PCT	+4.0 PCT	+4.9 PCT

APR

LEADING IND	MAY	JUN	JUL	9/1
PERSONAL INC	+0.6 PCT	+0.2 PCT	+0.3 PCT	8/30
UNEMPLOYMENT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT	5.3 PCT	5.2 PCT
EMPLOYMENT	+117,000	207,000	250,000	+169,000
HOUSING STARTS	+1,539 MLN	+1,311 MLN	+1,419 MLN	+1,430
IND PRODUCTION	+0.5 PCT	+0.1 PCT	+0.1 PCT	0.2 PCT
CONSUMER CREDIT	+2.49 BLN	+4.22 BLN	+2.99 BLN	---
RETAIL SALES	+1.0 PCT	+0.1 PCT	+0.1 PCT	+0.9 P
INVENTORIES	+0.8 PCT	+0.9 PCT	+0.4 PCT	---
DURABLE GOODS	+3.2 PCT	+4.5 PCT	+1.4 PCT	+1.9 P

TRADE BALANCES

PROVISIONAL	LATEST MONTH	PREV. MONTH	YEAR AGO
BELGIUM/LUX	MAR* +13.0	+19.5	-0.8
CANADA	JUN +127	+543	+1.39
FRANCE	JUN -2.8	-6.7 R	-0.9
ITALY	JUN -7.1	-2.18 R	-941
JAPAN-US DLRS	JUN +6.44	+5.06	+7.39
NETHERLANDS	MAY* +1	+0.2	+0.7
SWITZERLAND	JUL -0.670	-0.974	-0.609
U.K.	JUL -2.06	-1.52	-1.99
U.S.	JUN -8.17	-10.08	-10.60
U.S.	JUN -13.9	+10.5	+14.2

FIGURES IN BILLIONS OF LOCAL CURRENCY

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSE	JOR LIM BRICK		
			JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.57	2.55	JOR NATIONAL BANK		
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.			JOR PAPER CARDBROG	5.36	5.35
ARAB BANK			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.60	4.60
ARAB CHEMICAL DTER			JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
ARAB FINANCE CORP.			JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.H	1.72	1.65
ARAB INSURANCE			JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
ARAB INT./UNV/TRAD.			JOR ROCK WOOL IND.		
ARAB INT.UNION INS	1.11	1.16	JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
ARAB INTER.HOTELS			JOR WORSTED MLL	4.85	4.98
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.31	2.30	JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.85	0.89
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD			JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
ARAB PHARMA.MANF.			JOR.FRENCH INS.		
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM			JOR.INV.FIN.CORP	2.30	2.28
ARAB POTASH CO.	1.65	---	JORDAN GULF REAL		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JORDAN DAIRY		
BANK OF JORDAN			JORDAN GULF BANK	1.12	1.14
BEIT AL.MAD/BEITHA	1.09	1.04	JORDAN GULF INS.		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	1.00	JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	2.33	2.30
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00	JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN TANNING	1.98	2.00
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.74
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV.			MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.			NAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71	NID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
GARAGE OWNERS OF	4.50	4.50	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.48	0.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63	MIDDEL EAST INS	2.00	1.90
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.25	MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
GENERAL NINING.	2.10	2.10	NAT.FIN.INVEST CO		
HAMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75	NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF		
HOLY LAND INC.	1.44	1.44	NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.45	1.45
IND./MATCH JEMCO	1.66		NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.95	0.90
INDSTR.DEVLPT BHK	1.64	1.64	NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
INDSTRL/COMM/AGRI.	1.60	1.59	NATIONAL QUARRY	1.09	1.04
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL STEEL		
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13	ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81	PETRA BANK	2.10	2.18
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35	0.35
ITERMED/PETRI/CH			PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.60	1.60
J.TOUR.SP COMPLEX	0.80	0.80	PRECAST CONCRETE		
JERUSALEM INS.			RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	18.75	18.75	REAL ESTATE INV.		
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR			SHIPPING LINES		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05	SPINING WEAVING		
JOR ELECTRIC POWER			THE HOUSING BANK	1.78	1.78
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22	UNITED INSURANCE	1.22	1.23
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY			UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND		
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.			WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.89
			YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.40

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				LC-A	.26	.27	.27
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-B			
AC-A	36.00	36.50	37.50	PX-A	.29	.30	.30
ANS	3.00	3.05	3.05	PX-B	.32	.33	.33
GLO	22.50	23.00	22.50				
PLDT	425.00	427.50	422.50				
OIL SECTOR							
KPSI-A	6.40	6.50		BP-A	.01	.011	.011
SNC-A	72.50	73.00	72.50	BP-B	.011	.012	
SNC-B	115.00	117.00	117.00	LRC-A			
MINING SECTOR				LRC-B		.0036	
APX-A	.013	.014	.013	OPH-A	.029	.03	.03
APX-B	.014	.015		OPH-B	.033	.036	
AT-A	51.00	51.50	52.00	OV-A	.031	.032	.031
BC-A		49.00	50.00	OV-B	.033	.034	.034

Raw deal for educated unemployed

Educated manpower expected to rise to 64m in '90

NEW DELHI, Aug 29: Amidst the proliferating employment schemes, the educated unemployed have been neglected. This, despite their rising numbers. Estimates of educated unemployed vary considerably, according to a newspaper report. The 38th round of National Sample Survey (January-June 1983), states that the number of educated unemployed are 3.7 million.

The Seventh Plan document using the criterion adopted in the Sixth Plan on the basis of 32nd round on NSS states that in 1985, they numbered 4.7 million of which 3.5 million were matriculates and 1.2 million graduates and above. A slightly more revealing picture on the extent of educated unemployed emerges from the 'live registers' of the 840 'employment exchanges' in the country.

Half the number of people registered in the employment exchanges are generally thought to be educated. The data bears out this rule of the thumb estimate. In 1988 (till June), of the total 29.4 million registered,

16.7 million were educated (56.8 per cent). In 1985 this figure was 53 per cent and in 1982, 50 per cent.

In line with expectations, matriculates form the bulk of educated unemployed. In 1988, they numbered 9.7 million or 58 per cent of this segment. Second come those with a higher secondary degree (including intermediate or under graduates). They formed 25 per cent of the total (4.2 million). The graduates or post graduates on the live registers were 2.8 million of 17 per cent of the educated unemployed.

The data on the live registers reveal that the employment situation for the educated has remained more or less static in the eighties. The situation has improved albeit marginally for the graduates or post graduates. Their proportion in the pool of educated unemployed has declined from 18.2 per cent in 1982 to 17 per cent in 1985.

It further declined to 16.8 per cent in 1987. In 1988, it however, rose slightly to touch 17 per cent. The employment market for the

higher secondary graduates has remained stagnant over the years. They accounted for 25.5 per cent of the educated unemployed in 1982, 25.4 per cent in 1985 and 25 per cent in 1987 and 1988. Concurrently the job situation has deteriorated for the matriculates. The number of matriculates on the live registers of the employment exchanges has steadily increased from 5.6 million in 1982 (57 per cent) to 8.1 million in 1985 (57.5 per cent) to 9.7 million in 1988 (58 per cent).

The live registers of the employment exchanges overstate the dimension of unemployment to the extent that a number of people who register their names in these exchanges already hold a job. Plus a number of students also enroll their names, while pursuing higher studies. These two categories are obviously not unemployed. While the former represent the dissatisfied workers or the unemployed, the latter are potential members of the labour force.

Even if we assume that 50 per cent of the educated unemployed

on the live registers fall under the category of employed or students (a sample study in Karnataka has revealed that of the total registered in employment exchanges in the state, 10.8 per cent were students and another 43.6 per cent were employed).

This figure would be representative of the national sample, plus or minus a few percentage points, the pool of educated unemployed we are left with is still large. If we apply this 50 per cent yardstick to the 1985 data, there would be seven million educated unemployed on the live registers of the employment exchanges (of the total 14 million registered). As against this the 38th round of NSS claims that the figure is only 3.7 million. The discrepancy is too glaring to be ignored.

The Seventh Plan document has another set of interesting data. In 1985, the stock of educated manpower was put at 31 million. The difference between the two is 17 million. This figure includes not only the unemployed (3.7 million), but also the retired and those who

have opted out of the labour force voluntarily. This still leaves us with a figure of 13 million. It is difficult to believe that such a large body will fall under the classification of retired or not want to work.

In 1990, the educated manpower is expected to rise to 64 million. The economically active manpower will be 42 million. Between 1985-90, thus the

educated manpower will rise by 33.3 per cent, while the economically active manpower will increase by 35 per cent.

Educated unemployed are found in all categories. On the live registers, unemployment is found not only amongst the lowly arts graduates but also among the coveted MBA degree holders, not to mention the doctors and engineers.

Trends in the number of educated jobseekers on the Live Register of the Employment Exchange (1982-1988)

	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988 +
Graduates (including PGs)	17.8 (18.2)*	19.8 (18.0)	21.6 (17.2)	23.9 (17.1)	28.6 (17.4)	28.1 (16.8)	28.2 (17.0)
Higher secondary (including intermediate/under grads)	24.6 (25.1)	28.2 (25.0)	30.8 (24.5)	35.5 (25.4)	41.5 (25.2)	41.7 (25.0)	41.7 (25.0)
Matriculates	55.6 (56.7)	63.8 (57.0)	72.9 (58.3)	80.5 (57.5)	94.2 (57.4)	97.2 (58.2)	96.7 (58.0)
Total	98.0 (100.0)	111.8 (100.0)	125.3 (100.0)	139.9 (100.0)	164.3 (100.0)	167.0 (100.0)	166.6 (100.0)

* Figures in brackets denote percentage to the total.
+ Up to June 1988.



Good businesses but ...

Marshall Cohen, president and chief executive officer of Canada's Molson Companies Ltd. talks to Reuters from his Toronto office on Monday. Cohen told Reuters "all our businesses are good but none of them are such that we could pour all our assets into any single one of those businesses at this point in time." (Reuters wirephoto)

Fed may not ease credit policies

RBI may let rupee slide

BOMBAY, August 29: With the US dollar surging in the international markets the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may be persuaded to let the rupee slide vis-a-vis the dollar in order to encourage exporters.

According to foreign-exchange dealers, RBI's support to the rupee at a level of \$6,000 which has been maintained for the past two months is likely to lessen slightly with the level slipping to \$5,970.

Dealers observe that the relative stability of the rupee vis-a-vis the dollar in the past two months has made exporters anxious. Should the rupee be allowed to weaken against the dollar, which is gaining ground in international markets, exporters would stand to benefit. As such, dealers feel that RBI might choose to lower its support price. As of now, exporters are hesitant to book contracts in the forward markets for both short and long terms.

Importers, on the other hand, are now being advised to enter into transactions for short, medium and long terms. The benefit in booking at this stage, dealers point out, would be two-fold. Firstly, importers could cash in on the extremely low premiums ruling in the market. Over the past three weeks premiums have dropped to approximately 26 basis points (six months) from around 30 basis points (six months) in the last week of July. On occasions, the premiums have gone down to even 24 cents (six months).

Secondly, should the RBI let the rupee slide vis-a-vis the dollar, as anticipated, importers would stand to lose, dealers also expect that the premiums would definitely pick up by three or four cents in the next fortnight, to recover from the low which they have touched.

Dealers further observe that during the first week of August, the rupee traded between \$6,0225 and \$6,0825 while during the second week it traded in a range of \$5,9850 and \$6,0300. During the third week, the rupee traded between \$5,9800 and \$6,0040 with premiums easing to 24.5 cents (for six months). Thus, despite support from the RBI at \$6,000, international price fluctuations resulted in the floor level being breached on occasions.

The dollar started spurring in the international markets in the week of this month following assumptions that the Federal Reserve Board was unlikely to ease credit policies in the wake of the announcement of low unemployment rates of 5.12 per cent.

It rose sharply in New York following the release of retail sales figures which were up by 0.9 per cent for July as against 0.1 per cent in June, suggesting good demand and consumer recovery. Besides, producer prices fell by 0.4 per cent in July after a decline of 0.1 per cent in June signalling that inflationary pressures had been contained.

In another development the Reserve Bank of India has modified the definition of sick small scale industries (SSI) as the commercial banks have raised certain issues on a circular issued by the RBI on guidelines for rehabilitation of such industries.

A small scale industrial unit should be considered as sick if it has, at the end of any accounting year, accumulated losses equal to or exceeding 50 per cent of its peak net worth in the immediately preceding five accounting years, according to the credit information review of the RBI.

The RBI said in case of the tiny or decentralised sector also, a unit may be considered sick if it satisfied the above definition. However, in case of such units, if it is difficult to get financial particulars, a unit may be considered sick if it default continuously for a period of one year in the payment of interest or instalments of principal and there are persistent irregularities in the operation of its credit limit with the bank.

The RBI said the above definition of the sick small scale industries may be adopted for the purpose of reporting data from the half-yearly ending September 1989, while for identifying sick units and formulating a nursing programme, banks should go by this definition with immediate effect.



Nigel Lawson

Economy faces slower growth

LONDON, Aug 29, (Reuters): Britain faces substantially slower economic growth this year and next but the government has apparently turned the corner in its avowed fight against inflation, the country's main employers' group says.

In a report published today, the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) expected the economy to grow by just 2.5 per cent this year and 2.3 per cent next year compared with 4.4 per cent in 1988.

Slower growth would bring inflation down to 5.1 per cent by the end of 1990 from the current annual rate of 8.2 per cent.

CBI economist Andrew Sentance said: "The forecasts suggest that it should be possible to get on top of inflation without bringing the economy to a standstill."

But the CBI cautioned that the slowdown could force British companies to cut back investment, thus damaging their chances of competing in international markets.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has made the battle against inflation the government's main economic priority. Last week he said interest rates would remain high until rising prices were firmly under control.

The CBI report forecast that interest rates would remain at 14 per cent until the end of this year, but would ease back to average 12 per cent in 1990.

The opposition Labour Party said the CBI's forecasts showed that British industry had lost confidence and the government's policies had pushed the country to "the brink of recession."

Banks agree to merge

Japanese move revives consolidation talk

TOKYO, Aug 29, (Reuters): Japan's Mitsubishi Bank and Taiyō Kobe Bank announced today they planned to merge into what analysts said would be the world's second largest bank, after Dai-ichi Kangyō Bank.

Financial analysts said the move has revived talk of a further shake-out in Japan's financial industry, but predicted most future moves were likely to occur among medium-sized and smaller institutions.

"There are very few further combinations one can create among the larger banks," said Robert Zielinski, industry analyst at Jardine Fleming (securities).

Mitsui and Taiyō Kobe said they had agreed to merge into Mitsui Taiyō Kobe Bank and said the merger was expected to take place on April 1, 1990.

Analysts said the merger seeks to mobilise economies of scale needed to compete in an era of domestic deregulation and growing globalisation of world financial markets.

"By merging they hope to achieve, over time, sufficient economies of scale to compete domestically, where deregulation has put all banks under pressure, and on the international front, where neither has until now made a significant impact," said Simon Smithson, financial analyst at Kleinwort Benson International.

Other banks may be looking to do the same, analysts said.

"Financial deregulation is the basic trend in Japan's markets," said Jardine Fleming's Zielinski. "If you are not a big player, you can't take advantage of deregulation. To take advantage,



Yasuo Matsushita, President of Taiyō Kobe Bank (left) and Kenichi Suematsu, President of Mitsui Bank, are surrounded by reporters and cameramen after jointly announcing that they had agreed to merge. (Reuters wirephoto)

you need to have a large equity base and good corporate clients. That's the driving force behind the merger."

Medium-sized banks such as Mitsui and Taiyō Kobe are among those having the most trouble coping with deregulation, some analysts said.

"The Finance Ministry encouraged this (merger) because both are in the second tier. That is, they are probably the most vulnerable in that they have the ambition comparable to the biggest banks but they don't have the resources to compete," Smithson said.

The rising cost of investment also encourages consolidation, financial experts said.

"Banking has become an industry that requires huge investment in equipment, and it is difficult for middle-ranking city banks to carry out such huge investment," said a senior Finance Ministry official.

Most analysts said future mergers were more likely among medium-sized and smaller institutions, although some of the bigger banks might be on the prowl too.

"I really do not think we will see a reduction from 12 (city

banks) to five. But we will see quite a lot of activity among the mutual and regional banks," said Alicia Ogawa, analyst at SG Warburg Securities (Japan).

"Given the banks' potential to position themselves for future deregulation, we may see one or two (mergers) in the next five years," said Brian Waterhouse, financial analyst at James Capel Pacific. "It could happen."

But reaping the benefits of future mergers, including that of Mitsui and Taiyō Kobe, will be time-consuming and costly, analysts said.

Damascus fair opens with Egypt taking part

DAMASCUS, Aug 29, (Reuters): The 36th Damascus international trade fair opened yesterday with Egypt taking part for the first time in over 10 years.

Nazem Al Hafez, the fair's director-general, welcomed the return of Egypt to the event in which 29 Arab and foreign countries and many international companies are participating.

Syria and Libya are the only two Arab countries which have not yet restored diplomatic ties with Cairo, severed in 1979 when Egypt signed a peace treaty with Israel.

But relations between Syria and Egypt improved when President Hafez Al Assad did not

object to Egypt's return to the Arab League and met President Hosni Mubarak on the sidelines of an Arab summit in Morocco in June.

The fair, held regularly since 1952, is one of the biggest trade and commercial events in the Middle East.

Economy, trade and industry ministers and officials from most Arab countries are attending the 19-day fair, during which economic and commercial talks will be held.

Syrian Economy and Foreign Trade Minister Mohammed Imadi said in an opening speech that Syria was encouraging the private sector and giving big

incentives for Arab investment in development projects.

He said the government wanted to promote Syria's economic and commercial co-operation with all Arab states in addition to other foreign countries.

The Syrian economy, Imadi said, showed progress during the last two years with the gross domestic product (GDP) nearly doubling in 1988 as compared with 1987.

He said GDP in 1988 increased by 41 billion Syrian pounds (\$3.6 billion) from that of 1987. He did not give the figure for 1987 but figures issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics put it at 50.94 billion (\$4.34 billion).

The minister said oil exploration results were encouraging, adding that drilling would start in late 1989 and early 1990 in several areas where hydrocarbons were found in commercial quantities.

Oil industry sources say that Syria's oil production would increase to about 450,000 barrels per day by the end of 1989. A large part of the oil is light crude.

Imadi said Syrian exports in the first six months of 1989 totalled 14.8 billion Syrian pounds (\$1.32 billion)—against exports of 15.1 billion pounds (\$1.6 billion) for the whole of 1988.

Regulatory efforts aim to improve securities market

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During 1988 the market management adopted some organisational procedures pertinent to the parallel market, among which were the decision suspending parallel market activity as from January 2, 1989 and the setting up of a committee to study the possibility of the establishment of a new parallel market, according to new rules and regulations, aiming at developing the market's performance.

On another level, parallel market activity during 1988 was characterized by a marked decline (28 per cent) in the value of traded shares, as compared with the previous year.

Meanwhile, the other two indicators of market activity, volume of traded shares and number of transactions, increased by 5.6 per cent and 1 per cent respectively during the same period. This wide difference in the performance of the above three indicators was

evident after a decision suspending trading in the parallel market, which was due to take effect in the first half of 1988, was amended by another decision to enforce it as from January 2, 1989. Naturally, the value of shares will decrease, especially when large amounts of shares are offered by holders who wish to liquidate them before market activity is suspended.

During 1988 trading in the parallel market was concentrated in the shares of nine companies. The prices of five of them increased, while the price of the other companies whose shares are traded in the market decreased.

From the figures of share earnings of shareholding companies listed in both the official and parallel markets, which reflect the financial results of their operations during the year ending in December 1987, a marked increase was noticed in cash dividends to shareholders. The

average ratio of cash dividends during 1988 was 24 per cent in the industrial companies, 14.25 per cent in insurance companies and 11.85 per cent in banks. Bonus shares, the average of which was 9.45 per cent, were distributed to shareholders by seven companies. In the parallel market only one company, Gulf Union Insurance Company, distributed cash dividends at 5 per cent.

Regulatory efforts aimed at improving the performance of the securities market in Kuwait continued during 1988, when several rules and regulations were adopted to help develop the market on the one hand and promote its activity on the other. Following are the most important rules and regulations:

On May 28, 1988, the management of the securities market applied a new clearing system. This system is based on the net dealings of shares and sums, by which a private account is opened for any one who wants to

deal in the market, so that all his dealings are registered immediately after being credited in his account with the Kuwait Clearing Company, and his broker is constantly advised of his financial position.

Since its establishment in the 1970s, the securities market in Kuwait has been characterized by its narrow base, limited investment instruments and confinement of the secondary market to Kuwaiti nationals only. This was one of the main obstacles obstructing market development and growth—because the new developments that resulted in setting up the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) such as the development of economic relationships among the GCC countries—Decree Law No. 33 of 1988 was enacted allowing GCC nationals to hold shares of Kuwaiti shareholding companies which were in existence upon the enforcement of this decree law or shares of Kuwaiti shareholding companies established

thereafter, in accordance with the relevant rules applicable to the Kuwait securities market.

The primary KD bond market for local and foreign companies and institutions witnessed one local bond issuance in 1988 when the National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) managed a new issue of bonds for the Kuwait Real Estate Bank, at a value of KD10 million and an interest rate of 6.75 per cent, maturing in 1991. As for the secondary market of these bonds, the value of bonds traded in 1988 reached KD5.091 million, distributed over 35 transactions against KD4.764 million distributed over 35 transactions in the previous year, an increase of 6.9 per cent in the trading value and a decrease of 11.4 per cent in the number of transactions.

On the other hand, trading in the bonds of the Industrial Bank of Kuwait and the bonds of the Kuwait Real Estate Bank was suspended due to the early redemption of these bonds by the

borrower (issuer). These bonds totalled KD20 million, bearing an interest rate of 9.25 per cent and 8.25 per cent respectively.

The capital market is expected to witness during the forthcoming period an increasing regulatory concern aimed at developing the market capabilities to play a more active role in the service of the domestic economy by creating investment opportunities to attract national investments.

At present, the concerned authorities are preparing a law authorizing companies to establish investment, financial and real estate funds in the local market, due to the important role played by these funds in attracting the savings of individuals and institutions and their ability to manage these savings through various investment shares in the securities market. Further, these funds would make the secondary market more dynamic and develop it in the required direction.

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EVENTS

Born to rock

Bruce Springsteen — video anthology

BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN, the American singer, is one of rock music's top five greatest live performers of all time. His early reputation was built not so much on recorded success, but more on stagecraft: on his ability to occupy a stage for four or five hours in front of thirty to fifty thousand people, and to give these people something they don't often get in these days of MTV, 12" remix, dub-versions or B-sided singles, and that's a straight-forward, comprehensive, unashamed Rock 'n' Roll show.

As a singer, songwriter, performer, Springsteen has easily surpassed his contemporaries leaving most of them to stand in awe of his talent. Three dominant words can be used in describing the Springsteen phenomenon — honesty, dedication and magic. There is a total sincerity about the man, a sense of 'nothing but real' about him.

On stage, he is the ultimate performer. His endurance seems super-human. His four hour plus concerts are enough to put anyone else to shame! He communicates with twenty or fifty thousand people as if he knew each one personally. There is infinite trust between performer and audience, a mutual bond that reaches its peak when Bruce jumps from the stage to the arena floor to become part of the crowd.

Since 1984, after the mega-selling success of the 'Born in the USA' album, Springsteen has been exposed to tremendous publicity and his following has grown to almost frightening proportions, yet somehow he remains unjaded by success, unaffected by popularity.



Bruce Springsteen

Springsteen has not lost with reality, and in an entertainment industry filled with synthetic personalities and fabricated idols, that in itself is an important achievement.

Not surprisingly the '1978-88 Video Anthology' is a compilation of mostly live videos filmed at his various concert loca-

tions. This one and half hours long collection offers 18 of the best Springsteen songs including My Hometown, The River, Born in the USA, Brilliant Disguise, Tougher Than the Rest, etc. Perhaps the best from the lot is the 'Dancing in the Dark' video which shows why he is considered one of rock's best dancers. There are two different versions of 'Born to Run' the second is an acoustic version introduced to his audience with a brilliant account of how he wrote the song (in 1974) and the meaning behind it. The musical interplay between Springsteen and his band mates — the E-Street Band — is itself a treat to watch.

The video captures the finest moments of one of rock's greatest songs. The last couple of years have seen a resurgence of interest in rock music, especially heavy metal. Bands like Pink Floyd, Whitesnake, Def Leppard, Bon Jovi, INXS have enjoyed a lot of chart success in the international pop charts.

Customer demand prompts 'The Video Club' to release 'Top Rock Vol I' a compilation of rock songs featuring all the above mentioned artists and more.

From pop rock to blues to heavy metal, 'Top Rock Vol I' unleashes on video a highly volatile collection of rock hits. Some of the other artists appearing are Richard Marx, Guns 'n' Roses, U2 with B.B. King, etc.

Running time 110 mts. approx.

By Johnson Gilbert

Music videos available at the Video Club, Sakhiya, Tel. 5724372.

Rolls-Royce engines selected for Airbus planes

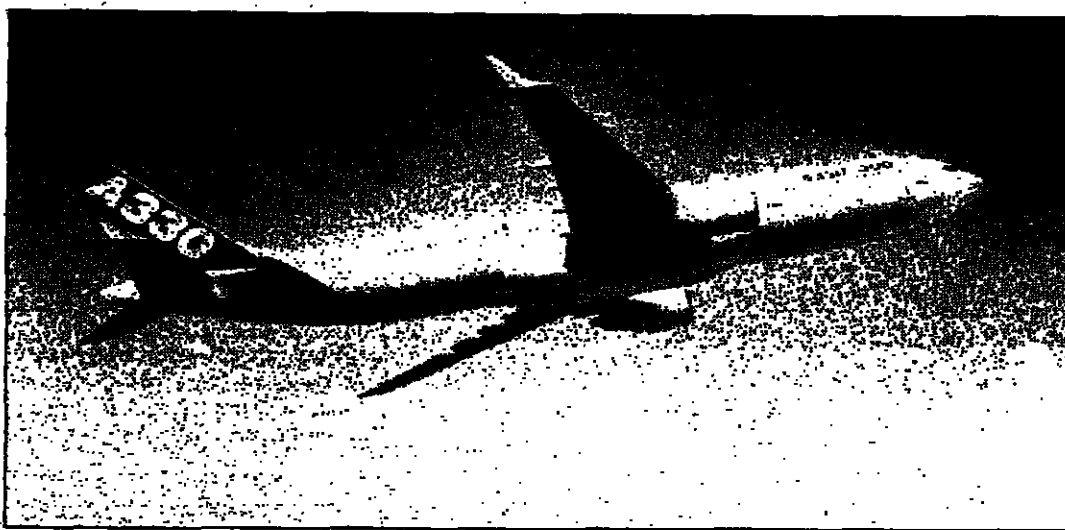
ROLLS-ROYCE engines have, for the first time, been selected to power Airbus Industrie aircraft, following a contract signed by Hong Kong-based Cathay Pacific Airways for the purchase of up to 20 twin-engine widebody A330s.

The deal is worth up to \$2.2 billion. Under the terms of the contract, Cathay Pacific has placed ten firm A330 orders and taken options on a further ten. The airline will begin receiving the aircraft in January 1995 and will use them on regional routes. Each plane will seat 315 passengers in a three-class layout.

Cathay Pacific's A330s will be the first aircraft to be powered by the new 67,500 LB/300 KJ. Rolls-Royce Trent engine — the new name for the RB445-52AL.

It is also the first time that a Rolls-Royce engine has been selected for an Airbus aircraft and means that all three large-engine manufacturers — Rolls Royce, Pratt and Whitney and General Electric CFM — are now offering powerplants for the twin-engine A330 airliner, which was launched jointly with the very long-range four-engine A340 in June 1987, as part of the same programme.

Cathay Pacific chairman, David Gledhill, said: "The Airbus A330 is the only aircraft with the guaranteed availability to meet our needs as well as being the best aircraft for the job. The added attrac-



The twin-engined A330

tion of Rolls-Royce powerplant commonality with the rest of our fleet was also important to us."

Cathay Pacific's order is the largest so far placed for the joint Airbus A330 and A340 programme by an airline outside of the USA.

Airbus Industrie managing director, Jean Pierson, added: "Cathay Pacific's acquisition of the Airbus A330 is an important consolidation of our wide-spread presence in the Far East while welcoming Rolls-Royce engines aboard our aircraft is the satisfaction of a long-sought goal."

Total commitments for the A330 and A340 now stand at 359 from 23 customers including 127 firm orders.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

English

MORNING

0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0830 News in English
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Cultural Horizon
0930 Reggae Rock
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Song and Music
1030 The Years of Pop
1100 Closedown

EVENING

2100 Opening
2102 Kuwait
2130 News
2145 Point of View

Urdu

2155 Songs and Music
2200 Kuwait in a Week
2215 Rock On
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Strictly Romantic
2330 Amazing Fact
2400 Closedown

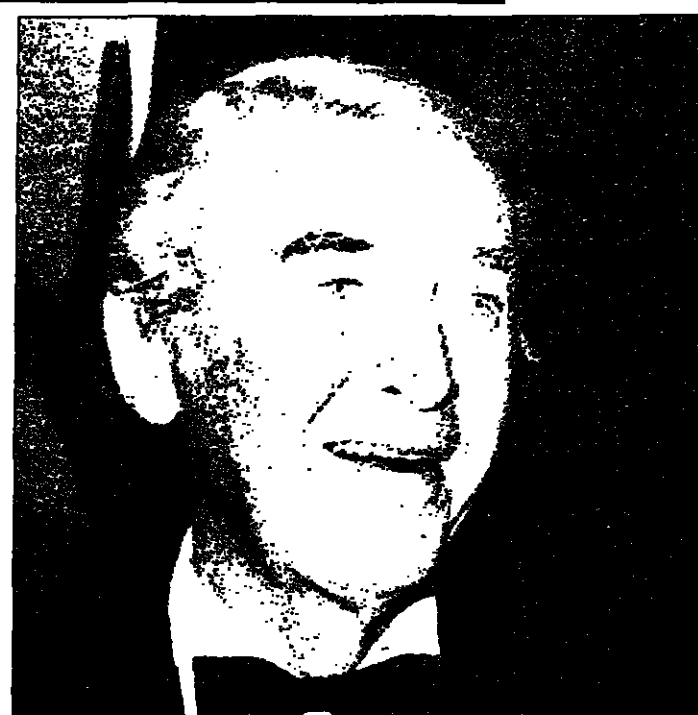
Urdu

1900 Opening/Holy Quran
1910 Beltsereh Qaul
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Subah-e-Nau
2000 News in Urdu
2020 Songs
2040 Hidayat Rabbani
2100 Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



Firdose Abdul Hameed in 'Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish', on KTV 1 at 10.00 pm today.



James Stewart in 'On Our Merry Way' on KTV 2 at 10.30 pm today.

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim: Children cultural programme
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Asr Al Hob: Daily Arabic serial (Part 11)
11.00 Abiliah Monera: Local serial (Part 6)
12.00 Sabah Al Khir News and Variety
12.15 Hiwar Wa Nagma: variety programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today Via Satellite
1.30 Al Shanakeel: Cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Hejra Illa Al Watan: Arabic serial (Part 9)
3.15 Innah Al Haq: Religious programme, prepared and presented by Abdul Hameed Al Zanadani
3.35 Al Teneen Al Sagheer: Cartoons serial
4.00 Football match
6.00 Lila Min Al Lila: Children's programme
6.30 Night Chemists, Airlines and official announcements
7.00 The World About Us: cultural programme
8.00 Variety
8.30 Popular variety
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial (Part 6)
10.30 Mahakim Billa Sojoon: Bedouin serial, starring Rasheed Assaf, Jeana Eid and Reem Saada
12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World Today via Satellite
12.40 Holy Quran and Closedown.



A scene from 'Danger Bay' on KTV 2 at 7.00 pm today.

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Trollkins: Cartoons
6.30 Safari To Adventure: 'Alaskan Bear'. The most feared killer of northern forests of Alaska.
7.00 Danger Bay: 'High Flyer'. Nicole's interest in flying brings her close to disaster. Correll has a sideline: he is part of a criminal ring that smuggles parrots.
7.30 Body Matters: 'Hair

Today, Gone Tomorrow. Care paid to hair. Distinguishing persons from their hair. Hair was a feature of personality.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Simon & Simon: 'Cleak Of Danger'. Andrew Simon writes a play to stage. An actor appears stabbed by a knife on the stage. The Simond brothers feel obliged to solve this mystery.
9.30 Best of British: 'The Heroes'. Scenes are brought from films dealing with the heroes.

10.00 Learning The Ropes: Carole believes that Rober is in love with her when he plans to take her away from his two brutal friends.
10.30 A Classical Film: 'On Our Merry Way'. Starring: James Stewart, Henry Fonda. A reporter is urged to dig up some human interest stories.
12.00 News in Brief.
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown.

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

OPEN SAT - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

Islamic Arts Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

Tareq Rajab Museum

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

Sadu House

SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

SOCIAL

Farewell party

SEPT 1 (Friday): The Bangladesh Association will organise a farewell function for the

Economic Counsellor Abdur Rahim Khan at 7 pm at the Bangladesh embassy premises. Bangladeshis are requested to contact for details with following persons: Moaz 4310970, Yusuf 4314192, Maksudur Rahman 4881595, Mozammel Haque 2551312, Ashrafur Islam 4836235 and Abdur Rob 4316823.

People's Art Circle

A MEETING was held at Dr Riaz A. Mahesar's president Pakistan People's Club, residence to form a committee to organise musical shows and dramas. As per Rafiq A Mirza, general secretary Pakistan Peoples Club, People's Art Circle is formed and is headed by Yakub Pasha with the following committee members, Salman Shah, Usthan Manzoor-ul-Hassan, Samie Saifi, Syed Zafar, Mohd Musa Blouch, Qamar Pervez and Agha Saad.

Syndicate live

SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of camaraderie, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host 'Syndicate Live', a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and

Stepping Stones with a host of local artistes. Watch out for booking plans.

Kalepak exhibition

SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalepak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

Melody Night '89

AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op. Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

Filchess chess

SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filchess) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament".

Attractive prizes await the lucky winners. Entry forms are available at Kabayan Restaurant. Deadline for submission of entries is Sept 15. For more details contact Edward Racaza (2421868, 2402405), Chito (2443961) or Jun (2409650).

Breeze '89

OCT 26: Tivim Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimiro or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

British Council

THE British Council

presents "Briefing on Britain" a special video presentation for students who are going to Britain this autumn for higher education. Will this be your first experience of studying in Britain? If so, and if you would like to participate in complimentary briefing sessions please telephone us to find out more details. Contact Kate Harries, Education Adviser, Tel: 2515512/253 3204/253 3227.

Star DEC

NITE 21: Star Nite at Ramada Salam 'Al Dira' with Perfect Strangers music. Children entry KD.3/- from 2-1/2 years to 12 years. Others KD.4/- with sumptuous buffet. Fabulous hamper prizes and variety social entertainment under 555 sponsorship. For reservations contact tele. (res) 5331940 or 2413706 pm only.

Flassik's contest

FINAL preparations are now under way for the ultimate singing contest in Kuwait held for the Filipino population in this Gulf state.

Flassik president Grace Fe N. Covarrubias announced that auditions are held at the Far East Restaurant on Fridays, August 18 and 25 and 11 am and 4 pm and on Sundays August 13, 20 and 27 at 5 pm. Participants are encouraged to bring their music tapes.

Last Friday's auditions yielded a bevy of song lovers who will vie for valuable prizes during the contest slated for Friday September 1, at 4 pm, at the Meridian Hotel.

For more particulars, kindly contact the following Flassik officers: Chary Nepomuceno Tel. 5624509, Rose Formantes: 4843601, Malon Tadana: 4881358, Esther Madamba: 5312700 ext 4221, Marilyn Inducivo: 3940600 ext. 2230 & 4521 and other Flassik officers or the event vice-chairman Al Castro of Martin Marietta

Data Systems.

D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual Thanksgiving mass will be held at the Holy Family Cathedral at 8 am followed by a get-together after mass. All D'Assisi ex-students along with their families and friends are invited. For more details contact: 2444379 or 2469811.

Konkani drama

NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintnam Zallim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa 'Jacinto Vaz' along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

FILM

British Council

CHILDRENS film: The Little Prince-For the Love of Animals on Wednesday, Aug 30 at 6.00 pm and Thursday, Aug 31 at 10.30 pm.

An enchanting animated adaptation of the classical tale by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Join the little prince as he catches a flaming comet for a ride down to his favourite planet earth (running time 50 mins)

Admission is free, but it is advisable to book seats in advance. Tel: 2515512/2533204/2533227.

HOTELS

At the Pullman Hotel

AL Shallal coffee shop: Offers daily businessman's lunch "autour d'un plat" at a reasonable price. Serves Arabic and international dishes. Live music nightly from 7.30 pm.

Les Elysees Restaurant: Experience the ambience of French seating and meticulous service while savouring authen-

tic French food offered on our "menu degustation," a four course meal served with a touch of nouvelle cuisine. For reservations, call: 5634200

At the SAS hotel

AL GHAZEER: SAS hotel's very own handicrafted dhow. Available for half day or whole day trip along the Gulf coastline. Food, beverages and fishing tackle provided on board. For booking, call 5657000 ext 416.

AL BOOM: Dine on charcoal grilled foods and finish off with della coffee. Open for dinner daily, lunch every Thursdays and Friday and for reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

PEACOCK ROOM: Chinese specialties served in a very cozy atmosphere. Open for lunch and dinner. For reservation call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.

EEDAM: Wide varieties of delectable home-made goodies, freshly baked items to choose from. Eedam daily specials also available.

CLOCK: Only drive-in restaurant in Kuwait. Serves wide selections of fast food including our very own specialties.

At the Kuwait International LA PALMA: Presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German/Austrian, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Saturdays and Tuesdays. Ext 8166.

Failaka: Rooftop restaurant overlooking Kuwait's picturesque coastline. Offers international cuisine and elegant surroundings. Live entertainment during dinner. Closed on Friday. Ext: 8012.

Garden Pool: Relax and enjoy our poolside barbecue event every Friday afternoon. La Patisserie: Offers an extensive selection of pastries, oven fresh bread, savouries,

exotic juices and ice creams. Also serves Continental breakfast. Pianist in the evenings.

At the Kuwait Plaza hotel

SPECIAL breakfast: Al-Dallah coffee shop features the breakfast you like most. Full buffet of all kind of delicious dishes to be savoured by you. Eat as much as you can and whatever dish you fancy for only K.D.2.995.

Special lunch and dinner: Also at Al Dallah coffee shop the buffet for lunch and dinner full of varieties of continental, oriental and Arabic food with Plaza special touch plus delectable sweets and fruits of the season. All these and more for only K.D.2.995.

Roman nights: The Italian restaurant in the heart of Kuwait takes you to the heart of Rome. Enjoy our exotic Italian specialties and our wide variety of Italian dishes with the music of our resident duo Stan and Alice.

SPORTS

IAC badminton

SEPT 7: Indian Arts Circle (IAC) will organise a badminton tournament open to all Indians in Kuwait. All those wishing to participate are requested to contact the organising committee for further information and entry forms: Contact IAC office Tel. 3904817 (6.30 to 10.30 pm); P.K. Koshy, Tel: 3985278 or 3913076; Vijay Sharma, Tel. 2401534 or 2644863; Philip Cherian, Tel. 4741946 or 4330041. The last date for entry is Sept 2.

Unity Thursday League TEAMS wishing to play in the Unity Thursday League at Ahmadi are kindly requested to contact Abdulla Mohammed (Tel: 39895456) or Denzil Menzies (Tel: 3989671) after 4.30 pm for more details. Closing date for entries on Sept 10.

SPORTS

FIFA pleased with work at Italian stadiums

TURIN, Italy, Aug. 29 (Reuters). FIFA inspectors said yesterday they were pleased with the work at Italian stadiums ahead of the 1990 World Cup finals.

But they advised countries bidding to stage the finals in the future that they could learn from

the Italian experience. "If they come to Italy they will realize the complexity of the work and the problems they will have to face," FIFA vice-president Hermann Neuberger said. "I think that afterwards many of them would withdraw."

Neuberger said he was

"pleasantly surprised" at progress in building a new 70,000 seat stadium in Turin after fears earlier this year that the deadline for completion might not be met.

Local officials said they hoped the Turin stadium would be completed by the end of January, well before a final FIFA inspection in

March. Visiting Milan earlier yesterday, Neuberger said he was very satisfied with improvement work at the San Siro stadium, venue of the opening match of the finals on June 8.

Improvements at some sites and the construction of essential

broadcasting centres have suffered repeated delays because of bureaucracy and political rows at local government level.

The FIFA inspectors will also visit stadiums in Florence, Naples, Palermo and Rome during their two-day tour.

'Athens should get 1996 Games'

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 29 (Reuters). The 1996 Olympics should go to Athens by right, the head of the Greek capital's bidding delegation told a news conference yesterday.

Miltiadis Evert, the health minister and former mayor of Athens, said: "We feel we have a right to the Games. We owe it to history. The spirit of the Olympic ideal must come back to Greece."

Delegations from five of the six cities bidding for the 1996 Games have converged on San Juan during a series of International Olympic Committee (IOC) meetings this week.

The five are Athens (Greece), Atlanta (US), Manchester (Britain), Melbourne (Australia) and Toronto (Canada).

IOC officials were unable to explain the absence of a delegation from the sixth candidate, Belgrade, which had been scheduled to join the other cities in presenting their bids at a series of news conferences.

"Athens is the sentimental favourite for the 1996 Games which will mark the centenary of the first Modern Olympics, held in the Greek capital in 1896."

Greece was the birth place of the Olympic idea 2,500 years ago and Sunday's presentation emphasised the country's continuing Olympic traditions.

Evert, who was accompanied in San Juan by a delegation of 30, stressed that the Athens bid had the unanimous support of all political parties in Greece.

He said 70 per cent of the necessary sports facilities already existed and that plans to improve the city's infrastructure would be implemented even if the bid failed.

The Greek government has said that about \$2 billion would be budgeted for the Games. Evert said about two-thirds of the money would come from private funding.

A video shown during the news conference provided an ironic link with the Atlanta presentation which followed.

It showed American Roger Kingdom, the 110 metres hurdles world record-holder, taking part in an athletics meeting in the Greek capital.

At the end Kingdom said how much he enjoyed competing in Athens and added: "I hope you get the Olympics in 1996."

Kingdom comes from a small town in the US state of Georgia, only a bus ride away from Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young.

The head of the Atlanta bid committee, Billy Payne, said the city already had a very strong infrastructure and needed only three additional building projects to stage athletics, swimming and cycling.

The chairman of the Manchester bid committee, Bob Scott, later admitted at a news conference that his city's candidacy could suffer because of England's record soccer boogymanship.

"But I'd draw a very clear distinction between 'professional football' and the Olympic Games. We do not anticipate that there would be that sort of trouble among Olympic crowds," he said.

Scott also accepted that Manchester's bid could be hit by the presence of British players on the current controversial rugby tour of South Africa and by next year's proposed rebel England cricket tour of the republic.

"All I can say is that we deplore that kind of activity," he said.

Although the city had a sound infrastructure, Manchester would need to build 60 per cent of its games venues, he said. By contrast, Melbourne and Toronto said that most of their proposed Olympic facilities were already in place.

The Australian and Canadian presentations also cited the number of different ethnic communities in each city — 150 in Melbourne and 100 in Toronto — as consistent with the international flavour of the Games.

League Cup

LONDON, Aug. 29 (Reuters). Result of an English League Cup first round, second leg soccer match yesterday.

Port Vale 1, Walsall 0

(Port Vale win 3-1 on aggregate)

Cubs crush Astros

Mets overcome Dodgers

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (AP). Greg Maddux pitched a six-hitter and Shawn Dunston hit a two-run double in Chicago's four-run victory over the Astros beat the Houston Astros 6-1.

Houston, which made three errors, lost for the sixth time in seven games. Chicago won for the third time in four games.

Maddux, 15-10, won for the ninth time in 12 decisions, striking out four and walking two in his sixth complete game.

Braves 5, Pirates 2

Pete Smith beat Pittsburgh for the first time in six career decisions, and Jeff Blauser hit his third home run in three games as Atlanta defeated the Pirates.

Cardinals 3, Reds 2

Pedro Guerrero's two-out, two-run single capped a three-run eighth inning, giving St. Louis a victory over the Cincinnati Reds, the Cardinals' 11th in their last 15 games.

Guerrero drove in his 89th and 90th runs with a hit off Rob Dibble, 7-4, after Cincinnati rookie Scott Scudder carried a four-hitter and a 2-0 lead into the inning.

Scudder left after Todd Zeile grounded out, and Denny Walling doubled pinch-hitting for John Costello, 3-2. Todd Worrell pitched the final inning for his 20th save.

Willie McGee's single greeted Dibble, sending walking to third. Ozzie Smith grounded a single to right to score walking.

Milt Thompson struck out before Guerrero drove a 1-2 pitch over shortstop.

Padres 9, Expos 4

Jack Clark hit a pair of three-run homers and Andy Benes won

his second straight start as San Diego defeated Montreal for its fifth straight victory.

The Padres moved within seven games of National League West leader San Francisco. The third-place Expos fell three games behind the Chicago Cubs in the East.

Phillies 9, Giants 1

Charlie Hayes homered and drove in four runs as the Philadelphia Phillies handed the Giants' Rick Reuschel his worst defeat in two seasons.

Reuschel, 15-6, gave up seven runs and seven hits in 2 1-3 innings, his worst outing since giving up seven runs to the Los

Angeles Dodgers on Oct. 1, 1987.

Ken Howell, 11-9, won his second straight game and has given up only two earned runs and six hits in his last 16 innings. He allowed five hits in eight

innings.

Mets 1, Dodgers 0

Frank Viola pitched a three-hitter to win baseball's first-ever duel of defending Cy Young Award winners as the New York beat Orel Hersher and Los Angeles.

It was Viola's first complete game in the National League. The loss was the fourth straight for Hersher, 14-10, for whom the Dodgers have scored only

four runs in that span. The game's only run came in on Greg Jeffries' third-inning single, a grandout and Howard Johnson's RBI single.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak by the Mets, who are 3 and 1-2 games behind the Chicago Cubs in the National League East.

Twins 5, Mariners 4

Seattle lost its club-record tying 12th straight game as Kirby Puckett doubled home Dan Gladden with two outs in the 10th inning to lift Minnesota over the Mariners.

The loss tied Seattle's 12-game losing streak set in August 1980. Seattle last won on Aug. 15, a 2-0 victory over Texas. The Twins have won six straight.

With one out in the 10th, Wally Backman singled and was forced at second on Gladden's grounder to third before Puckett doubled up the right-center field gap against reliever Mike Schooler, 1-5.

Jeff Reardon, 5-3, who blew a save opportunity in the ninth, retired Seattle in order in the 10th inning for the victory.

Seattle rallied with two outs in the top of the ninth off Reardon to tie the score 4-4 as Harold Reynolds singled and as scored on Greg Briley's double.

Results

American League

Oakland 7, New York 3

Boston 6, Detroit 3

Milwaukee 8, Toronto 2

Minnesota 5, Seattle 4

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Atlanta 5, Pittsburgh 2

St. Louis 3, Cincinnati 2

Chicago 3, Houston 1

San Diego 9, Montreal 4

Hersher: Fourth straight loss

Portisch defeats Salov

SKELETONS, Sweden, Aug. 29 (AP). Lajos Portisch of Hungary moved up to share third place in the chess World Cup after the completion of all adjourned games yesterday.

Portisch defeated Valery Salov of the Soviet Union in a marathon 91-move battle when play resumed in their adjourned game from the 10th round.

After a 30-minute break, Salov returned to complete his unfinished 11th round game with British grandmaster John Nunn. Their endgame was agreed drawn on the 74th move.

With four rounds remaining, world chess champion Garry Kasparov and the former titleholder Anatoly Karpov, both Soviets, are tied in first place with seven points of a possible 11.

Portisch, Yasser Seirawan of the United States and British grandmaster Nigel Short are all tied for third with six and a half points.

The World Cup is a series of six tournaments featuring the world's top 25 grandmasters and a total prize fund of \$1.2 million.

Widely regarded as the second most important chess event after the individual world championship cycle, this final leg of the World Cup is the third strongest tournament ever held.

Karpov needs to win all four of his final games to catch Kasparov in the series.

But a victory here would be an important breakthrough for Karpov, 38, who held the world title for 10 years before losing it to Kasparov in 1985.

Since 1981, Kasparov, 26, who lives in Baku, capital of the southern Soviet republic of Azerbaijan, has won outright or tied first in every tournament where he has competed.

They include the highest ranked of all time, a four-man competition in Amsterdam last year, and a six-player event in Brussels, Belgium in 1987, the second strongest tournament in history.

In a highly favourable endgame, Portisch eventually thrust forward a pawn on the queenside. With no option but to sacrifice a Bishop to stop the pawn from promoting to a queen, Salov resigned.

Nunn and Salov had adjourned in complex endgame position involving queens and pawns.

Own opinion

CINCINNATI, Aug. 29 (AP). Pete Rose says baseball commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti double-crossed him in saying he bet on ballgames.

But Giamatti yesterday said the agreement under which he banned Rose from the game for life does not prohibit Giamatti from stating his opinion that Rose bet on baseball.

Giamatti emphasized at a news conference Thursday that the statement was his opinion, not an official finding by major-league baseball.

Menem to play basketball

BUENOS AIRES, Aug. 29 (Reuters). Argentine's sportsman President Carlos Menem was again down shorts and the national colours today, this time to play with Argentina's basketball team in a televised match to raise funds for the poor.

Manem, 59, last month played a 90-minute televised soccer match as captain of Argentina's world champion squad against a team of professional players, many of them less than half his age, before a crowd of 40,000 people.

McDonald announces retirement

CALGARY, Alberta, Aug. 29 (Reuters). Long-serving forward Lanny McDonald announced his retirement yesterday from the Calgary Flames, the club he helped to reach the pinnacle of the National Hockey League.

McDonald, 36, fought back tears as he announced his decision at a party at his rural home west of Calgary. He moves into management with the Stanley Cup champions as vice-president of corporate and community relations.

McDonald joined the Flames in 1981 after stints with the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Colorado Rockies. In his 16-year career he scored 500 goals and made 506 assists.

McDonald played in four All-Star games and holds the Flames record for most goals in a season, 66 in 1982-83.

The man with the red walrus whiskers last season made a key contribution in the last game of the final series against the Montreal Canadiens by scoring the go-ahead goal in the second period. He had been benched for three games before that.

The presidency's press chief, Adalberto Diaz Garcia, told Reuters yesterday that the basketball game was not on the official agenda but he said Menem would make good on a public promise to play in the fund-raising match.

The charismatic peronist president, who took office on July 8 amid his country's worst ever economic crisis, is an avid tennis player who also likes to race cars and pilot planes.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Real striker

MADRID, Aug. 29 (Reuters). Striker Emilio Butragueno has signed for five more years with Spanish champions Real Madrid, virtually ensuring his career will end where it started.

Austrian team

VIENNA, Aug. 29 (Reuters). Austria will strengthen their defence for an important World Cup qualifying match against the Soviet Union next week, manager Josef Hickersberger said today.

Cup qualifier

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29 (UPI). Belgian soccer manager Walter Meeuwis called up 17 players for initial training Thursday to prepare for a World Cup Group 7 qualification match against Portugal Sept. 7.

US cyclist

PARIS, Aug. 29 (UPI). US cyclist Greg Lemond, winner of Sunday's professional world championship race, is leaning toward riding for a new team to be formed next season from the existing Fagor and Z teams, the French daily L'Equipe reported yesterday.

IAAF event

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29 (UPI). The traditional date for the IAAF Grand Prix track and field event in Belgium may be advanced due to the 1990 European championships and works at Heysel stadium, organizer Wilfried Meert said yesterday.

The Memorial van Damme is usually staged the last Friday of August.

GMA membership

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29 (UPI). The Grandmasters Chess Association said it has doubled its membership to 250 in one year.

The GMA, based in Brussels, is headed by world champion Garry Kasparov and counts the world chess top among its members.

The third qualification tournament for the World Cup is scheduled for Dec. 4-19 in Palma de Mallorca, Spain.

Lemond praised

BRUSSELS, Aug. 29 (UPI). Former world champion Eddy Merckx praised 1989 winner Greg Lemond yesterday for his great willpower.

"Nobody expected his comeback after a hunting accident two years ago. But the man has tremendous willpower. Great class, absolutely tops," the six-time winner of the Tour de France said.

Scoreless draw

OSLO, Aug. 29 (UPI). Norwegian First Division leader Lillestrom held runner-up Rosenborg to a scoreless draw Sunday to maintain a five-point lead with five rounds left.

SPORTS

Robson to rely on old guard

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): England manager Bobby Robson said today he would rely on the players who steered his side through a 10-match unbeaten run last season for next week's World Cup qualifying tie against Sweden.

Robson's 22-man squad for the September 6 match in Stockholm contained no surprises.

Chelsea goalkeeper Dave Beasant was recalled as deputy for the injured Chris Woods but players overlooked included Steve Bull of Wolverhampton Wanderers, who scored on his full international debut against Scotland in May, and Everton's Tony Cottee.

The squad includes three players who made big-money moves during the close season — Marseille's \$6.6-million Chris Waddle, his Tottenham replacement Gary Lineker and Manchester United's new midfielder Neil Webb.

England, who have yet to concede a goal in the qualifying round, lead European Group Two with seven points, two ahead of Sweden who have a game in hand.

Squad: Peter Shilton, David Seaman, Dave Beasant, Gary Stevens, Terry Butcher, Des Walker, Tony Adams, Paul Parker, Stuart Pearce, Tony Dorigo, Neil Webb, Bryan Robson, Steve Hodge, Steve McMahon, David Rocastle, Paul Gascoigne, Gary Lineker, Nigel Clough, Alan Smith, Peter Beardsley, Chris Waddle, John Barnes.

Age limit for footballers already certain

ROME, Aug. 29. (Reuters): The 1992 Olympic soccer tournament will be limited to footballers under the age of 23, International Football Federation (FIFA) secretary-general Joseph Blatter said today.

Blatter told reporters an International Olympic Committee (IOC) decision on the age limit at its meeting in Puerto Rico this week was a formality.

"It's already certain. For the 1992 Barcelona Olympics football will be reserved for those under 23," said Blatter, in Rome to inspect work on Italian stadiums for the 1990 World Cup finals.

"I confirm that the only criteria will be that of age," he added.

The IOC and FIFA have been in dispute over eligibility for the soccer tournament in Barcelona for more than a year.

FIFA wants an age limit to avoid the risk of the event becoming a rival to the World Cup finals but the IOC is concerned that such a restriction would put soccer out of step with other Olympic sports.

Transfer fee

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Scotland's Glasgow Rangers were told today by Everton to record £1.53 million (\$2.4 million) for the services of England midfielder Trevor Steven.

The fee, the highest ever set by the English Football League transfer tribunal, was £525,000 (\$828,000) more than Rangers' offer but nowhere near Everton's valuation of £4 million (\$6.3 million).

Steven, 25, is regarded as one of the best right-sided midfield players in Britain.



Noah returns a shot to Rive. (Reuters wirephoto)



Wilander slams a forehand to Skoff. (Reuters wirephoto)



Graf slams a backhand return. (Reuters wirephoto)

Becker crushes Pate in opener

McEnroe and Noah reach 2nd round

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (Agencies): Boris Becker cleared his first hurdle and had another potential stumbling block removed yesterday at the US Open tennis championships.

Becker, the three-time Wimbledon champion, trounced American David Pate 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 in his opening match at Louis Armstrong stadium as he began a campaign to win his first Grand Slam title on a surface other than grass.

"He attacks a lot, so to lose only five games is pretty good," the West German said after his 98-minute victory.

A few hours earlier Becker's dreaded nemesis, Brad Gilbert, disappeared from his quarter of the draw without the carrot-topped Wimbledon winner having to raise a racket.

The eighth-seeded Gilbert, suffering from an upset stomach and diarrhoea, was sent home for a rest by unseeded Todd Witsken who kept pounding groundstrokes past his beleaguered fellow-American for a 4-6, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2 win.

Becker, for one, was happy to see Gilbert go as he had lost four out of five times to him and was seeded to meet him in the quarterfinals.

The West German, however, kept his perspective.

"To win you have to win seven matches. I've won one. That's all I can say," he said.

Gilbert, who entered the Open as the hottest player on the men's circuit with three straight tournament titles, became the only seed to fall in a hectic opening day schedule.

Leading a parade of favourites into the second round were defending champions Steffi Graf and Mats Wilander along with fourth seed John McEnroe, a four-time Open champion.

Wilander, whose decline from last year's peak is reflected in his No. 5 seeding, crushed Austria's Horst Skoff 6-1, 6-3, 6-1 after Graf beat Etsuko Inoue of Japan 6-3, 6-1. McEnroe ran off a comfortable 6-1, 6-4, 6-4 victory over France's Eric Winogradsky.

McEnroe, seeded fourth, served 13 aces with only four double faults. He dropped his serve once during the 2 hour and 26 minute contest.

Graf, the near-invincible West German, and Wilander have followed contrasting paths since winning at Flushing Meadows.

By defeating Ivan Lendl in the 1988 final for his third Grand Slam crown of the year, Wilander elevated himself to the world No. 1 ranking, a position he could hold for merely 20 weeks. The 25-year-old Swede has failed to win a tournament this year, reaching only one final.

"I haven't really struggled,"

Wilander said. "Four the first few months after that (the US Open) I didn't really feel like playing. I wanted to enjoy being No. 1 and then I lost a few matches, one too many."

Wilander, who lost to Skoff in five sets in a Davis Cup match in April, took the first five games yesterday and was never in trouble, breaking service twice in each set.

Graf became only the sixth player ever to complete the Grand Slam when she defeated Gabriela Sabatini in the 1988 French final and, unlike Wilander, hasn't slipped a step.

Her triumph over Inoue in the opening match of the championships on center court was her 62nd in 64 matches this year and brought Graf's two-year match total to 134-5.

Graf was extended a bit more than expected, actually dropping her service once and requiring 54 minutes to complete her day's work.

The four games won by Inoue, ranked No. 62, were one more than she had managed against Graf in two previous contests.

"I thought I rushed a bit too much," Graf said. "I was not patient in waiting for the right shot and I missed a lot of forehands."

No. 10 seed Alberto Mancini of Argentina overcame Jonathan Canter 3-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3, No. 14 Aaron Krickstein beat Richard Matsuzewski 6-3, 6-2, 6-4, and Yannick Noah of France beat Joey Rive of the United States 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.

Among the women, No. 5 Zina Garrison defeated Radka Zrubakova of Czechoslovakia 6-2, 6-1. No. 7 Manuela Maleeva of Bulgaria beat Marianne Werdel 6-4, 6-3. No. 12 Monica Seles of Yugoslavia ousted Anne Henricksson 4-6, 6-2, 6-2. No. 13 Natalia Zvereva of the Soviet Union struggled past Pascale Paradis of France 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5), and No. 15 Conchita Martinez of Spain beat Sandra Birch 6-3, 6-2.

McEnroe's draw is favourable, his first real challenge expected to come in the fourth round against 14th-seeded fellow-American Aaron Krickstein. Three weeks ago, McEnroe extended his unbeaten record against Krickstein to 4-0 in winning the Indianapolis title.

In the quarterfinals McEnroe is seeded to face Wilander. At Wimbledon this year, McEnroe beat Wilander in the quarterfinals to improve his career record to 7-6 against the Swede.

Results

Women's singles, first round: Larisa Savchenko (Soviet Union) beat 9-Pan Shriver (US) 6-2, 6-3. Wendy White (US) beat 10-Mary Joe Fernandez (US) 6-4, 6-3. Gigi Fernandez (US) beat Amanda Coetzer (South Africa) 6-3, 6-3. Cathy Caverzasco (Italy) beat Marj Lou Daniels (US) 6-3, 6-4. Laura Gildemeister (Peru) beat Nicole Provis (Australia) 7-6 (7-5), 7-5. Men's singles, first round: 6-Andre Agassi (US) beat 10-Robbie Weiss (US) 6-3, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4. Glenn Michibata (Canada) beat Brad Drewett (Australia) 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.



Becker jumps into the air to hit a shot. (Reuters wirephoto)



McEnroe keeps his eyes on the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

England gain draw in final Test

Australia's tour ends in anti-climax

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Australia's victorious tour of England ended in relative anticlimax at the Oval today when the sixth and final Test against England ended in a draw.

England, left to survive a minimum of 67 overs in the final two sessions, were 143 for five when bad light intervened in the final hour to save them any further embarrassment.

Robin Smith was unbeaten on 77 but England's other leading batsmen were again dismissed cheaply as the Australian attack made a determined bid to force a 4-0 series win.

Terry Alderman dismissed Essex opener John Stephenson and Graham Gooch with only 27 runs on the board to take his tally for the series to 41, making him the first bowler in history to take over 40 wickets in a series twice.

Alderman, who took 42 wickets in the 1981 series, was duly named as Australia's Man of the Series.

Partner-in-crime Geoff Lawson joined in to bowl Michael Atherton for 14 and tempt des-

pondent England captain David Gower into a rash slash outside off stump to give Steve Waugh a diving catch in the gully.

Gower had made only seven but Smith again provided spirited resistance in company with all-rounder David Capel.

Capel went for 17, caught prodding forward against leg-spinner Trevor Hohns, but Jack Russell, named as England's Man of the Series, kept Smith company until the umpires conferred about the light and took the players off.

Australia had earlier batted through the entire morning session to remove any prospect of a surprise England win.

Mark Taylor took his series run aggregate to 839, leaving only Don Bradman (974) and Wally Hammond (905) ahead of him in the all-time list, before he was caught behind by Jack Russell off Gladstone Small for 48.

Dean Jones, voted Man of the Match, and captain Allan Border then hit breezy half centuries enabling Australia to declare at 219 for four, setting England a

theoretical target of 403.

Gower said today he would like to continue as England cricket captain for next year's tour of the West Indies.

Gower has been under increasing pressure during England's dismal performance against Australia which ended in a 4-0 defeat in the six-Test series.

But he insisted he had no thoughts of resignation and would be available, if selected, to lead the side to the Caribbean.

"I am not going to make any rash statements now," he said after the final Test at the Oval had ended in a draw.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 468 (D. Jones 122, A. Border 78, M. Taylor 71, D. Pringle four for 70). ENGLAND first innings 285 (D. Gower 79, G. Small 59, T. Alderman five for 68). AUSTRALIA second innings (overlight 87 for one) M. Taylor c Russell b Small 48, G. Marsh lbw b Igglesden 44, A. Border not out 51, D. Jones b Capel 50.

S. Waugh not out 219. Extras (b-2 lb-7 nb-13) 22. Fall of wickets: 1-7, 2-100, 3-101, 4-189.

Total (for four wickets, declared) 219. Bowling: Small 20-4-57-1, Igglesden 13-1-55-1, Capel 8-0-35-1, Pringle 16-0-53-0, Cook 6-2-10-0.

England second innings G. Gooch c and b Alderman 10, J. Stephenson lbw b Alderman 11, M. Atherton b Lawson 14, R. Smith not out 77.

D. Gower c Waugh b Lawson 7, D. Capel c Taylor b Hohns 17, J. Russell not out 0.

Extras (lb-1 w-1 nb-5) 7. Total (for five wickets) 143. Fall of wickets: 1-20, 2-27, 3-51, 4-67, 5-138.

Bowling: Alderman 13-3-30-2, Lawson 12-2-41-2, Hughes 8-2-34-0, Hohns 10-2-37-1.

Result: Test: Headingley — Australia won by 210 runs.

Second Test: Lord's — Australia won by six wickets.

Third Test: Edgbaston — match drawn.

Fourth Test: Old Trafford — Australia won by nine wickets.

Fifth Test: Trent Bridge — Australia won by an innings and 180 runs.

Australia win series 4-0.

FIFA not yet asked to punish Maradona

ROME, Aug. 29. (Reuters): FIFA have received no formal request to exclude errant soccer star Diego Maradona from the 1990 World Cup and could not intervene in the affair unless first approached by his Napoli club, officials said today.

Italian Soccer Federation president Antonio Mattarese last week threatened to punish Maradona for his refusal to return to Naples by asking FIFA, the sport's governing body, to exclude the Argentine World Cup captain from the competition finals.

Asked about the Maradona affair during an inspection of Italian World Cup stadiums today, FIFA (International Federation of Football Association) secretary-general Joseph Blatter told journalists: "We cannot intervene directly. We must first wait for a report from (Maradona's club)."

Blatter said FIFA had received no such report or request from either Napoli or the Italian Soccer Federation. But he added that he privately regretted the "unpleasant situation" created by Maradona's dispute with the UEFA Cup holders.

Maradona said in an interview with Italian television yesterday that he would return to Italy from Argentina by the end of this week but would need about a month to get match fit.

Napoli, who twice this month extended Maradona's holiday, have started disciplinary proceedings against the 28-year-old striker who missed last Sunday's start of the Italian League championship.

Italian sports papers today reported that Maradona had remained in Argentina because he was furious at Napoli's outright refusal to consider a transfer bid from French champions Marseille in June.



Evershine captain Razzaq (left) receives the trophy.

Evershine clinch title

EVERSHINE defeated Pirelli Cricket Club by seven wickets to win the KCL Summer League title at the Sabah Al Salem grounds on Friday.

Pirelli, after having been put in to bat, managed to score only 168 for the loss of eight wickets in their 25 allotted overs. Bader was the top scorer for Pirelli with 60 while Arshad Shams hit 21. Ameen 18, Baber 18, and Nasser 15.

For Evershine, Zia took three wickets for 45 runs while Dawood captured two for 28. Ejaz Sr, Ejaz Jr and Zahid collected one wicket each.

Evershine, in reply, started well with openers Tariq and Inam putting on 64 before the latter was out for 18. Five runs later Maqsood also went back to the pavilion.

Tariq was the only other batsman to lose his wicket, after scoring 62, before Ejaz Sr carried Evershine to victory. Ejaz remained unbeaten on 58 and Razzaq on 18.

For Pirelli, Chris, Shafizad and Bader got a wicket each. Syed Akbar Afridi, Charge d'Affaires at the Pakistan Embassy, presented the prizes.

Singapore overwhelm Indonesia

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 29. (KUNA): While mighty Indonesia failed to secure an additional gold medal today, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand had another good day as the action began to fizzle out in the 15th SEA Games here.

Malaysia collected gold No. 62 tonight when their men's hockey team finished the competition unbeaten, destroying Indonesia 8-0 in the last tie, thus confirming their undisputed supremacy in the sport in South-east Asia.

Earlier in the day, the hosts brought home four golds — two in cycling, winning both the team and individual 187.5 km road races with another two in yachting.

Yachting, which offered nine golds, was dominated by Singapore who won four. The other two golds were won by Thai yachtsmen.

Thailand also grabbed another four gold medals, but none was more savoured by the Thai than their victory against arch rivals Malaysia in their team sepak takraw, the sport which the two countries are the world's top two sides.

With the gold medal, Thailand avenged their defeat to Malaysia in the sepak takraw inter-regional final, which was a bitter pill for Thailand to swallow as they have remained unbeaten since the inter-regu event was introduced in the Games in 1981.

Only 21 of the 302 gold medals available for the 12-day Games are still to be decided in the remaining two days.

Malaysia, still neck-and-neck in the sepak takraw medal count, have a better chance of finishing No. 2 as they have seven finalists in the silat event to be completed tomorrow.

The hosts are vying with Indonesia for the gold medals in badminton and have also entered the soccer final against Singapore to be held just before the closing ceremony of the Games on Thursday.

The following is the medals tally on the ninth day of competition today:

	G	S	B	T
Indonesia	86	71	66	223
Malaysia	62	54	61	177
Thailand	60	57	64	181
Singapore	32	34	36	102
Philippines	26	37	46	127
Myanmar	10	13	19	42
Vietnam	3	11	5	19
Brunei	1	1	15	17
Laos	-	1	-	1

SPORTS BRIEFS

Fahd meets

THE president of the Kuwait Football Association (KFA), Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed, yesterday met with the president of the International Football Federation (FIFA) Joao Havelange in Puerto Rico, sources told the Arab Times.

This surprise move came after the sports relations between KFA and FIFA. Both the sports officials are now in Puerto Rico to attend meetings of the International Olympic Committee.

The sources said that the two officials discussed the recent dispute between KFA and FIFA and it appears a settlement has been reached.

The sources added that the FIFA may now agree to increase the number of football teams to take part in the Peace and Friendship Championship from eight to 12. The championship will be hosted by Kuwait in October.

World Cup chess

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 29. (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov defeated Soviet grandmaster Rafael Vaganian in the 12th round of the final leg, while his nearest rival, former world champion Anatoly Karpov, could only draw with fellow Soviet Mikhail Tal in the Chess World Cup today.

Evert re-elected

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Chris Evert, who is ending her reign as one of the best players in women's tennis, will continue to lead the women's game off the court. Evert has been elected president of the Women's International Tennis Association (WITA) for a record eighth term. WITA announced yesterday.

Sullivan wins

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Aug. 29. (AP): Dennis Sullivan of Colorado Springs — a three-time runnerup in the last six years — defeated defending champion Ray Hibler of El Paso, Texas, yesterday in the first round of the 30th Annual World Senior Golf Championships.

Basketball players

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Aug. 29. (AP): The influx of European players into the National Basketball Association may help keep all professional athletes out of next year's world basketball championships, the head of the international basketball federation said yesterday.

Northants dash Essex' hopes

LONDON, Aug. 29. (Reuters): Essex' hopes of closing the gap on county championship leaders Worcestershire were dashed yesterday when they lost to Northamptonshire by four wickets.

Acting Essex captain Brian Hardie, standing in for Graham Gooch who is on Test duty, declared their second innings at 166 for seven leaving Northants a target of 264 in 73 overs.

Geoff Cook with 40 and Wayne Larkins, 73, laid the foundations with an opening stand of 101 and Rob Bailey (50) and Nigel Felton (55) supplied the middle order impetus. The winning runs came with just one over to spare.

With two matches to play, Worcestershire lead the table by 26 points and are strong favourites to retain the championship.

Third-placed Middlesex were frustrated by an unbeaten 42



Wayne Larkins



Nigel Felton

from Bruce French after Notts had been reduced to 97 for eight. They were eventually dismissed for 136.

John Carr (27), Desmond Haynes (36) and Mike Gatting (46) batted positively as Middlesex went for the runs but the spin of Andy Gifford put on the

brakes and they had to settle for a draw.

South African Roy Pinaar's 134 not out, his third century in successive championship matches, enabled Kent to draw against Leicestershire at Folkestone.

Pinaar and Neil Taylor (63

not out) put on 206 in an unbroken third-wicket stand that lifted Kent to 267 for two in their second innings and past the 234 they needed to avoid an innings defeat.

English county championship cricket table after yesterday's results (batting under played, won, lost, drawn, batting bonus points, bowling bonus points, total points):

Worcestershire	20	11	3	6	42	75	293
Essex	20	11	2	7	53	63	267
Middlesex	20	9	2	9	44	68	256
Northants	21	7	8	6	46	63	221
Lancashire	20	7	5	8	50	57	219
Hampshire	19	6	6	7	48	60	208
Warwickshire	19	3	4	10	42	66	196
Derbyshire	19	5	5	9	37	63	180
Notts	20	6	5	9	50	57	178
Gloucester	19	5	10	4	33	59	172
Surrey	19	4	6	9	39	64	167
Somerset	20	4	5	11	49	50	165
Sussex	19	3	4	12	52	59	159
Leicestershire	19	3	7	9	40	64	152
Kent	20	3	8	9	48	47	143
Yorkshire	20	3	8	9	36	54	138
Glamorgan	20	2	6	12	34	55	131

Note: Essex and Nottinghamshire deducted 25 points by TCCB for producing sub-standard pitches. Warwickshire total includes eight points for a drawn game where the scores finished level.

England play Sri Lanka in Cup opener

CALCUTTA, Aug. 29. (Reuters): England will meet Sri Lanka in the opening match of the Nehru Cup one-day cricket tournament on October 15.

Schedule of round-robin matches announced by the organisers yesterday.